



Archdiocese of Chicago

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Office of the Auxiliary Bishop

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Clergy Personnel Board 25 West Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60625

Dear Members of the Clergy Personnel Board:

I am writing on behalf of Reverend Robert Mayer. I spoke with him this morning and, at my suggestion, he is applying for the pastorate of St. Odilo Parish. As Vicar of St. Odilo, I wholeheartedly support this appointment of Father Mayer. He is most qualified to fulfill this role.

Father Mayer was asked to go to St. Mary's in Des Plaines and there he did a most noble job. He was responsible for upgrading many of the ministries in the parish. He was also responsible for the "new look" in the rectory and church.

When St. Dionysius Parish was at the lowest ebb of Christianity, Reverend Ray Goedert, Reverend Andrew McDonough, the dean, Reverend Daniel Coughlin and I met to consider candidates for the new administrator. We agreed that Father Mayer would be the ideal priest to bring St. Dionysius to the level of where we thought a parish should be. In a very short time, Father Mayer organized the parish with a Finance Committee, a Parish Council and all the ministries that a Parish should have. We set up a program where the parish could survive paying all its debt. He brought about a vibrant and viable parish.

Unfortunately, according to the Cicero Parish Planning Program, it was decided to close St. Dionysius Parish. Father Mayer cooperated with the closing of St. Dionysius. He prepared and convinced the parishioners that for the good of the Archdiocese and for the strength of the Catholic Church, it was imperative that St. Dionysius close and become amalgamated with the stronger Churches in Cicero.

Up to this time, we have been asking Father Mayer to help us out of certain predicaments. Now Father Mayer is asking us to do something for him, namely, to be named pastor of St. Odilo Parish.

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There may have been stories spoken about Father Mayer. Nonetheless, I am willing to take responsibility and accountability as Vicer over St. Odilo Parish. I believe Father Mayer is an excellent and appropriate candidate for this particular parish and I earnestly support him.

It would be entirely just to Father Mayer and most providential to the parishioners of St. Odilo who need his leadership for Father Mayer to be appointed pastor of this parish.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Thad Jakubowski

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