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Most Reverend Leo T. Maher Bishop of San Diego PO Box 80428 San Diego, CA 92138

Dear Bishop Maher:

Recently, I received two letters from the Executive Board of St. Ann's Catholic Church in San Diego. The letters were concerned about the situation of Father Robert D. Nikilborc. Naturally, this group expressed strong support for Father.

Before replying to the correspondents and calling to mind our conversation of this past February on this subject, I would very much appreciate your current assessment of the matter. It would also be helpful to learn of your suggestions as to a possible response to these peoples so that our replies would be consistent.

Please know of my appreciation for your consideration of this request.

With the kindest of personal regards,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Apostolic Delegate