

PROCURATOR MANDATE

Having completed fourteen (14) years of age, and having an interest in this matter as a parishioner and/or donor who has supported the current patrimony of **Our Lady of Peace, 10950 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031**, in the Diocese of Buffalo, I oppose any intention or act by ecclesiastical authority that would result either in a substantial alteration or in the extinction of **Our Lady of Peace** Parish. I oppose the neglect, *de facto* closure, relegation, demolition and/or sale of **Our Lady of Peace** Parish Church and/or its property; or the reduction in the canonical status of the Parish or Parish Church by any means, including the removal of the Blessed Sacrament (c. 943 §1, 1°), the reduction of its use for Mass less than twice a month (c. 934 §2), and limits to daily accessibility (c. 937). That my intentions and opposition to such acts will be properly communicated within the appropriate ecclesiastical appeal process, I hereby appoint **Timothy M. Creenan, 5045 Winding Lane, Clarence, NY 14031**, as my Procurator in accord with the norms of Canon Law. By this mandate, I allow my Procurator to act in my name as the law allows, to initiate petitions and appeals in accord with Canon Law to advance my interests identified above, and to represent these interests in judicial and administrative processes of the Catholic Church related to this issue. For purposes of any proceedings, my Procurator's address as noted above is my official address for notifications and communications. In addition to the usual powers granted a Procurator in Canon Law, this mandate grants my Procurator the following powers:

1. The power to appoint an Advocate in Canon Law who has experience with cases involving parish mergers and closures, and who will guard my interests in accord with the norms of law. I expect the appointment of this Advocate will grant the Advocate the power to make appeals without prior consultation of my Procurator or me, if an appeal is consistent with my intentions noted above.
2. The power to appoint a Procurator/Advocate in Rome if it becomes necessary to appeal this matter to any Vatican dicastery that requires representation from a Roman Advocate, including the Apostolic Signatura.
3. The power to appoint a Substitute Procurator *pro tem* to act if my Procurator is impeded from acting and action is necessary to protect a right or advance my interests. I expect such appointment would occur as soon as possible with prevention identified in the substitute's mandate.
4. The power to renounce action or strike a bargain, if I have been given reasonable opportunity to be heard and take personal action.

By this mandate, I firmly establish my intention to protect my interests in this matter by pursuing appeals in accord with Canon Law, even to appeal an unfavorable decision by any dicastery of the Holy See allowed before the Apostolic Signatura. Only an authenticated communication received by my Procurator changes my intentions expressed herein. I retain my right to receive copies of all notifications and communications sent to my Procurator on this matter, and I retain my right to reply personally.

(Signature)
Printed Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State Zip _____

Date

The person signing above is personally known to us or proved on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed within instrument and acknowledged to us that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity.

(First Witness Signature)
Printed Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State Zip _____

(Second Witness Signature)

