

## **Seven Parishes form Council to Support Parishes Appealing Closings (14 October Press Release)**

**(Sudbury, Mass.)—Parishioners of seven parishes formed the Council of Parishes at a meeting tonight at St. Anselm parish in Sudbury. Joining the host parishes, St. Anselm and St. Albert the Great in Weymouth, are St. Catherine of Siena in Charlestown, St. Jeremiah in Framingham, St. Susanna of Dedham, St. Thomas the Apostle in Salem/Peabody, and Sacred Heart in Lexington. A number of parishioners from other parishes expressed interest in becoming involved with the Council at a later date.**

**The Council's mission is to support parishes in their appeal process, to communicate common concerns, and to address the affect of the closings on the Archdiocese, individual communities, and parishioners. The Council plans to meet regularly and to share information and resources as needed. The goal of the Council is for the process of closing parishes be suspended; for closing decrees to be revoked; and to cooperate with Archbishop O'Malley in addressing archdiocesan concerns.**

**The Council is open to all parishes in the archdiocese who desire to participate.**

**Note: Council representatives Cynthia Deysher of St. Anselm and Peter Borré of St. Catherine of Siena will be available to the media at 2 p.m., October 14 at St. Anselm's.**

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