



CONGREGATIO  
PRO CLERICIS

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Prot. No. 20160055

Mr. Francis NORONHA *et alii*  
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CANADA

Dear Mr. Noronha *et alii*,

This Congregation has received your letter of 23 December last, with which you present, in your own name and as duly mandated Procurator (cf. c. 1481 §1) for 509 other parishioners of All Saints Parish, Lethbridge, a request for hierarchical recourse against the administrative silence of the Most Rev. Frederick Henry, Bishop of Calgary, concerning your petition to access to the church of St. Patrick, Lethbridge, for sacred worship in accordance with the norm of law (cf. cc. 57 §§1-2; 1735; 1737 §§1-2; 1214, 1222).

In accordance with art 137 §1 of the *General Regulation of the Roman Curia*, this Dicastery hereby accepts the aforementioned recourse for examination, and establishes that the object of the recourse is: whether the *de facto* closure of the church of St. Patrick is contrary to the norm of law (cf. cc. 1214; 1222).

This Dicastery does not regard the secondary request in the petition addressed to the diocesan Ordinary on 12 August 2015 as being amenable to hierarchical recourse, insofar as you have not demonstrated the existence of a single administrative act that might be challenged (cf. cc. 35; 48; 1733 §1, 1734 §1). The same applies to the requests expressed in nn. 2-3 of your canonical *remonstratio* of 12 November 2015.

I assure you of my prayers and cordial best wishes, as I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Beniamino Card. Stella  
*Prefect*

+ Joël Mercier  
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*Titular Archbishop of Rota*  
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