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Reverend Robert G. Lynam, Pastor
St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish
45 Henderson Road
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Dear Father Lynam,

I hope you and the parishioners of St. Augustine are doing well. I thank you for forwarding to me the many prayer requests and intentions left at the parish and at Holy Spirit Mausoleum, asking for the intercession of young Daniel. I am also in receipt of the petitions that ask his Cause be opened and that he be considered for eventual Canonization.

After prayerful consideration, I have decided to establish a diocesan commission to explore your request to look into the sainthood cause for Daniel Mark Anderl. I have asked four of our diocesan Canonists to begin the process of research of what is required from the diocese. At some time in the future, I presume they will contact you. This, of course, being something not ordinarily undertaken, I ask your patience as the commission establishes their tasks and responsibilities.

I join all of you at St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in commending Daniel's cause to almighty God, asking that His will be done in all things. May I also ask you and your parishioners to remember me in your prayers as I begin the transition to my new assignment as Coadjutor Archbishop of New Orleans.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
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