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Dear Parishioners of Saint Mary and Saint Bernadette Parishes:

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion about the status of the two parishes of Randolph.

As you know, several years ago Saint Mary and Saint Bernadette Parishes were put into a collaborative. Each parish maintained its own identity, but they shared a pastor, some staff, and some common costs.

Late last year, that collaborative relationship was dissolved, and Father McGaugh remained the pastor of Saint Mary Parish while Father Pham was named as the administrator of Saint Bernadette Parish.

These two parishes may have a future together as a collaborative, but there are no plans to put that in place right away.

As you also know, some multiple parish collaboratives in the Archdiocese of Boston eventually decide to merge into a single parish. There are no plans, secret or public, to merge Saint Bernadette and Saint Mary Parishes. If such a thing ever were to happen, it would only happen after the two parishes are successfully in a collaborative and it would have to come about as a result of a local and public process.

We are aware that some emails have been sent around to various parishioners, not authorized by the Archdiocese of Boston nor by Father McGaugh nor by Father Pham, containing misinformation, and claiming that there is a secret process underway to merge the parishes. That is not true.

If you have concerns, please speak directly with Father McGaugh and Father Pham; they are the Cardinal's appointed parish leaders in Randolph.

May God bless you and keep you in this holy season.

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