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+Feast of St. Francis de Sales

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer  
Bishop-elect of Harrisburg Pennsylvania  
Diocese of Lexington Kentucky  
1310 West Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40508-2048

Dear Bishop Gainer,

On behalf of Ss. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Mission we welcome you as our bishop for the Diocese of Harrisburg and extend our prayers and sacrifices for the petition that you, by the grace of God, fulfill your duties in a manner both pleasing to Him and beneficial for your own spiritual welfare and that of those for whom you are responsible.

Our current canonical status in the Diocese of Harrisburg is in dispute. The doctrinal, liturgical, and moral questions that we profess as being necessary attributes of the Catholic Faith were placed before your predecessors repeatedly over the last 13 years and yet, have never been addressed by them which is a matter of public record. It has been from them one long round of begging-the-question. We do not place these questions before you as our bishop because they have already, by the fortuitous working of God's providence, been placed in union with the case of our pastor, Fr. Samuel Waters, through the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, on the lap of the Holy Father in Rome, requesting from him as is our right as Catholics, that he render a judgment from the infallible Chair of Peter on these questions that pertain directly to the Catholic Faith. If the Pope will not sit in the Chair of Peter, our petition will not rest on his lap.

We had been trying for years without success to get our local ordinary to bring our questions before the Holy Father. It has been made possible by the work of Rev. Robert M. Gillelan, Jr. and Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia. For this action of instigating a definitive canonical case based upon first principles of the Catholic Faith, we are, in fact, most grateful.

Be that as it may, although we do not ask anything from you as our bishop, we want you to know that your welfare will be remembered in the Rosary of Reparation to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary offered at our chapel before each traditional immemorial Roman rite of Mass. Your name will be remembered by Fr. Waters in the canon of the Holy Sacrifice offered each day.

May Jesus Christ through the His blessed Mother keep you in their particular providential care.

Sincerely,



David Drew  
Chairman  
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