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Ms. Jessica I. Bede
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Dear Ms. Bede,

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Peace. You request that the former Parish Church of Our Lady of Peace be opened for this celebration and state that the official date of the feast is January 24th. Since January 24th is designated on the Church's Universal Calendar as the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, I sought guidance from the Archdiocesan Office of Parish Planning in this matter.

The Office advised that the "feast day of a parish", listed in the Parish Transition Manual, means the feast designated on the Church's Universal Calendar. The Parish Planning Office then suggested that I consult with the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission regarding the date of this feast.

The Director of the Liturgical Commission stated that January 24th is not designated as the Feast of Our Lady of Peace for the universal Church. Consequently, it cannot be considered a "special occasion" on which the former Parish Church can be opened, as defined by the Archdiocesan Office of Parish Planning.

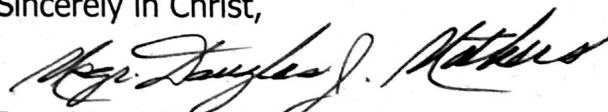
At my request, the Liturgical Commission's Director is seeking to determine the date when Feast of Our Lady of Peace is designated for celebration by the universal Church.

I will be glad to contact you when I receive definitive information about the date of this feast.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for your prayers and kindness on the death of my mother.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers
Pastor