



CONGREGATIO
PRO CLERICIS

Vatican City, 16 June 2016

Case No. 20144398
Prot. No. 20161868, 20161869

Ms. Janice Dooner LYNCH *et alii*



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Ms. Lynch *et alii*,

I have received your letters of 28 May last, together with the supporting documents, in which you seek to present hierarchical recourse against the decrees of His Eminence, the Archbishop of New York, of 28 April last, by which the boundaries of the territorial parishes of St. John the Evangelist and of St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Catherine of Siena, East Manhattan, were altered, and by which the parishes of Our Lady of Peace and St. John the Evangelist were merged by way of an extinctive union.

As other petitions have for hierarchical recourse have also been received concerning the same matters, this Congregation has accepted all of the petitions for study, and joined them into a single recourse. I enclose, for your information and assistance, a copy of the interlocutory decree to that effect.

This Dicastery has, once again, placed itself in correspondence with the Archbishop of New York, and will communicate with you when his response has been studied.

Thanking you for your letters, I offer you my assurances of my prayers and best wishes, as I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠ Joël Mercier

Titular Archbishop of Rota
Secretary

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