



**Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc.  
1173-A Second Avenue, P.O. Box 263  
New York, NY 10065**

February 25, 2016

Dear Friend,

Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc., was formed in September with one goal in mind: to save a beautiful parish and neighborhood church and a renowned New York City Landmark.

We are writing to you because you may have signed a petition, or written a letter to Cardinal Dolan or Pope Francis, or otherwise expressed your support to save Our Lady of Peace in the past. We need your help now more than ever!

The Congregation for the Clergy extended their review of our recourse against the merger and closure of the church to February 15, 2016. Contrary to what Cardinal Dolan would have the Vatican believe, our church was not “half-empty” – it was 76% full, attendance was growing at a rate of 7% per year; our church was solvent; and our community of faith remains vibrant!

Please join with me and donate to the Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc. to help us reach our goal of raising \$500,000 to show the Vatican that we have the means to maintain the church for the next 10 years and keep it open. This includes keeping the church in good repair; buying flowers and candles to keep Our Lady of Peace beautiful and to spread our message of faith; and paying legal expenses so that we can continue our Vatican appeals process, and strive until the very end to stay open.

To date, we have raised more than \$460,000, and with your help, we will achieve our goal.

**Option 1: Donate Directly to Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc.**

For those of you opting to give less than \$1,000, we recommend that you give directly to the non-profit organization, Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc. You can give directly to our organization by writing your check out to “Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc.” and sending it with the enclosed form to the following address:

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All donations of \$20 to \$999 will receive a receipt for tax deduction purposes. Please note that monies given directly to Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc. as outlined in Option 1 cannot be returned.

## **Option 2: Donate to the Friends of Our Lady of Peace Escrow Account**

For those wishing to donate more than \$1,000, you have the option of putting your money in the Friends of Our Lady of Peace Escrow Account. The benefit of the escrow account is that some or all of your money will be returned to you if our appeal to the Vatican is ultimately unsuccessful. To the extent any funds in the escrow account are needed to fund our legal or other expenses, money will be transferred pro rata based on gross contributions to the escrow at the time the expense is incurred to the non-profit organization per the terms of an escrow agreement, overseen by the Board of Directors of Friends of Our Lady of Peace.

If you are interested in donating through the escrow account, please let me know and I will provide you with a copy of the Escrow Agreement for your review and a Joinder Agreement relative to the Escrow Agreement. The bank administering our account will require that you sign the Joinder Agreement, whereby you agree to the terms of the Escrow Agreement, before your donation can be accepted for deposit in the escrow account. Donations to the escrow account should be made out to "Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc., Signature Bank as Escrow Agent" and sent to the above address.

I have personally paid all fees associated with the escrow account. This means that all of your donations will be used 100% for fighting to preserve and save Our Lady of Peace. If you have questions about the escrow option, please contact me at [shane.dinneen@gmail.com](mailto:shane.dinneen@gmail.com).

Finally, please note that Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc. received its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status on January 26, 2016. This means that donations made to the organization (either directly through Option 1; or, with respect to Option 2, the amount of funds attributable to the respective donor that are actually transferred from the escrow account to the organization) will be tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. Anyone considering making a donation through either option outlined above should consult with their tax advisor to discuss the deductibility of their donation.

With renewed gratitude and hope for the future,



Shane Dinneen, President  
Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc.

Enclosures: Contribution form/Joinder Agreement, Biographies of the Directors of Friends of Our Lady of Peace

Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc., is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau. The organization's first annual report will be filed with the Charities Bureau by November 15, 2016 and, once filed, may be obtained from Friends of Our Lady of Peace, Inc., 1173-A Second Avenue, New York, New York 10065, or the NY State Attorney General's Charities Bureau, 120 Broadway, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10271.