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Sent by email to mgabriel@archchicago.org

Dear Father Gabriel,

Thank you for taking the time to come with your parish leaders to the pastoral center February 12, 2019.

You were right to share your concerns with me, particularly about the issue of uniting all Sunday morning Masses at the Notre Dame site. I genuinely understand the concern of the parishioners of Holy Family expressed in the letter you presented. At the same time, as I review this matter in its entirety, taking into consideration the detailed process of consultation at various levels, I write to reaffirm my decision that all regular Sunday morning Masses be celebrated at the Notre Dame site. As was recommended by the *Renew My Church* Commission and noted in the Decree, dated February 28 2019, the life of the new parish and regular Masses will take place at Notre Dame de Chicago Church. In terms of timing, all RMC parishes that are uniting are to complete that unification process within a year. Therefore, like other unifications, the regular Sunday morning Mass may continue in the transition, but every effort should be made to unite the parishes at one location in a timely manner. For the life of the new parish to take root at Notre Dame de Chicago Church, that is, ultimately, where regular Masses must be celebrated.

When we began our renewal process, we all knew that the hard work of renewal would mean some sacrifice. I need your help in offering pastoral leadership, in collaboration with Father Peter McQuinn to encourage the parishioners of Holy Family as they begin the process of uniting.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cardinal Cupic".
Archbishop of Chicago