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Dear Mr. Grajales,

I have been asked by His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan to reply to your letter of January 28, 2007 in connection with the parish of Our Lady Queen of Angels.

On January 19, 2007, when His Eminence announced decisions involving realignment of certain parishes within the Archdiocese of New York, including the parish of Our Lady Queen of Angels, he did so in complete accord with the pastoral and procedural requirements of Church law.

Any ecclesiastical recourse involving these decisions must also conform to the requirements and procedures of Church law.

Among the conditions established by Church law is that interested parties, i.e., persons affected by the decision, directly correspond with its author (c.1734).

Since you do not have the required standing in this matter as defined by Church law, it is canonically inappropriate to engage in further correspondence with you in any capacity whatsoever.

However, if the interested parties think it opportune, the law does not prevent them from seeking the advice of degreed experts in Canon law with regard to their recourse.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan  
Vicar General