



CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO
ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

Prot. N. 246/08/L

March 26, 2008

Your Excellency,

We have in this Congregation received letters from some people in the pastoral area of St Adalbert in Buffalo in which we are asked if we can trace in our office some documentation on this church being a Basilica. I think it best to write to Your Excellency and copy to the people of St Adalbert's to say what information we have.

We have indeed a record in our Congregation that St Adalbert's church, Buffalo, N.J., was given Brief as Basilica by Pope St Pius X on 11th August 1907.

We do not have any documents on the matter in our office. In those years it was the Holy Father, and not our Congregation, which granted the Basilica document. If anyone perseveres in looking for such a document, the person could have recourse to the Secretariat of State, Vatican City. But our Congregation will not undertake this further inquiry.

His Excellency, Most Rev
Msgr Edward Urban KMIEC
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May I state that whether St Adalbert's is recognized as a basilica or not, has nothing to do with the arrangement of parishes today, in Buffalo Diocese. Our Congregation realizes that this is the Diocesan Bishop's responsibility.

With Easter Greetings, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

* Francis Card Arinze
Prefect

Copy to: Mr Ronald **SUCHOCKI** ✓
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*For Information and in answer
to your fax of March 5*