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Office of the Bishop

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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Christ Our Savior Parish:

As we prepare to enter the Lenten Season this Ash Wednesday, I pray that this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for all of you personally and lead you deeper into the great joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

Since you have come together into a new parish in July of 2019, you have worked diligently with your pastors to build an ever more vibrant parish. It is wonderful to see a vibrant faith active at Christ Our Savior Parish.

Recently, your pastor Father Nicholas Vaskov, began a process of consultation with the parish to determine the need to maintain all of your church buildings. Father Vaskov held town hall meetings on October 11, 2021 and October 19, 2021. As a result of that process, Father Vaskov presented petitions to me requesting that the churches of Saint Ambrose and Our Lady Queen of Peace be closed for worship.

After consultation with the diocesan Presbyteral Council, who reviewed the petition on February 16, 2022, and unanimously agreed with the rationale for closing, I have decreed that the churches of Saint Ambrose and Our Lady Queen of Peace be closed for worship and relegated to profane but not sordid use, effective March 28, 2022.

It is my prayer that this action will allow your parish to be less burdened in maintaining buildings and use those resources to bring the faith to so many in our world who need to experience the love of Jesus Christ.

Grateful for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am,

Your brother in Christ,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh