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April 18, 2025

Reverend Michael T. Casey
St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church
1755 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06053

Re: St. Peter Church, Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Father Casey:

I have not received a response to my letter of February 19, 2025.

I will not belabor the point. Many parishioners and others are upset that St. Francis of Assisi Church has decided to ask that St. Peter Church be condemned and that the demolition not be delayed by the New Britain Historic Preservation Commission. On February 24, 2025, you indicated before the Commission, that the damages from the earthquake ranged from three million to six million dollars without providing any rationale or even estimates. You also alleged that you were concerned about an appeal from the anticipated relegation of St. Peter Church, which would take up to ten years. We reject these arguments.

The position of St. Francis of Assisi Church that St. Peter Church must come down is based on the July 14, 2024 report by Redfern.

St. Peter's Society and I have written several letters to the City criticizing the Redfern report an inadequate basis for the destruction of a historical church. These objections have been ignored. Of course, truth is not the issue; credentials are the issue. Neither I nor any member of St. Peter Society is a professional structural engineer. So, the accuracy of our concerns can be ignored simply because of our lack of credentials.

For this reason I have obtained a copy of a report from Cirrus Structural Engineers LLC to Franklin Square Preservation Society, Inc. dated April 9, 2025. I enclose a copy of this report.

Ms. Elizabeth Acly, P.E. is a structural engineer who has considerable experience in dealing with historical structures. Ms. Acly examines in detail the problems inherent in the Redfern report.

Please share the Cirrus report with the Pastoral Planning Committee of the Archdioceses of Hartford, which, of course, is a major motivating force behind the proposed demolition.

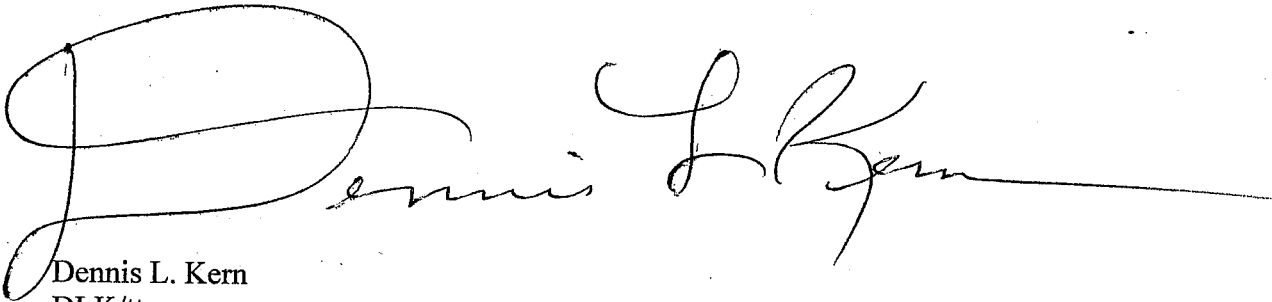
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Once again, I request that St. Francis of Assisi Church allow the inspection of the Church by a licensed structural engineer with experience with historic structures. The cost of the inspection will be borne by the St. Peter's Society and parishioners.

After you read the Cirrus report, I am sure that you will understand the concerns of the St. Peter's Society, the parishioners and other interested parties, including Preservation Connecticut.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Dennis L. Kern

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Enclosures

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St. Peter's Society

Preservation Connecticut

State Historical Preservation Office