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Very Reverend Joseph Culotta, V.C.
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Dear Fr. Culotta,

Thank you for your presence at the most recent Diocesan Finance Council meeting to discuss the planned construction project for St. Francis Xavier Church. The financial aspects of the project presented by Mr. Paul Sparks and Mr. Bill Parish of your parish finance council was extremely helpful in assisting the diocesan council to move in a positive direction regarding this matter.

Knowing that the parish has the estimated construction funds available in the amount of \$2.2M, no debt will be incurred by the parish, the Hayden family concurs with the use of the gifted funds towards the construction of a much needed new parish office, and with the favorable motion from the Diocesan Finance Council, I am happy to approve the plans regarding this project as presented to the College of Consultors and Finance Council members.

I look forward to seeing the parish improvements along the way to completion. I pray for God's divine favor and blessings over this project.

Please keep in touch with the diocesan chief financial officer, Bob Sellers, should you have any questions or require financial assistance throughout this effort.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Steven J. Raica
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

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