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Mr. John Wilson
National Director
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17 Eagle Chase Court
St. Peters, MO 63376

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I have reviewed your request to receive a dispensation from the law of abstinence for the St. Louis Irish Community on Friday, March 17, 2017.

With this letter, I give you permission to serve meat, and I would ask that you would inform the Catholics present that they have been granted a dispensation if they choose to use it.

I would also ask that you encourage them to abstain from meat on another day during the following week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Carlson".

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis