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Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note:

The following letter was read by Fr. Thaddeus Bocianowski to his parishioners last Sunday:

My dear parishioners,

By now you have probably read or heard about an article that was written by Mr. Alfred Kamey that appeared on the front page of the March 22, 2007 issue of the Am-Pol Eagle titled "Diocese says St. Adalbert Church is not a Basilica."

We have contacted the diocese regarding this article. Mr. Kevin Keenan faxed us a copy of Sr. Regina Murphy's "Information regarding St. Adalbert Church and its Status as a Basilica" that was written February 10, 1992. It confirms her quote in Mr. Kamey's article. This was the first time I received a copy of this information.

As pastor, I have written a letter to Bishop Kmiec, on behalf of our parish to address the following request: In Sr. Regina's research there is no indication that the Vatican in Rome was contacted to receive official written confirmation regarding St. Adalbert's status as a Basilica, or favors bestowed by Pope Pius X in 1907. There could have existed an additional letter to accompany the document we possess from the Vatican. Until we receive official, written documentation from Rome, we will not have a comment on the article that was printed in the Am-Pol Eagle.

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pastor of St. Adalbert's Basilica**