

March 1, 2014

The Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone,
Archbishop of San Francisco
One Peter Yorke Way
San Francisco, California 94199

Dear Archbishop Cordileone,

Fr. Joseph Illo, currently chaplain at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, CA, has informed us of your invitation to establish an Oratory of St. Philip Neri in San Francisco. He explained that the Oratory would consist of several priests and brothers in a parish, entrusted with various apostolates, especially evangelical outreach to young urban professionals. They would foster the liturgical “reform of the reform” by offering beautiful and authentic Catholic Masses and devotions. Most of all, they would form a community of prayer and apostolic life among the Oratorian fathers, brothers, and lay cooperators.

We understand that an Oratory in San Francisco would need at least four members over a three-year period to attain official recognition from Rome. One of the Oratorian Fathers would oversee the parish and so receive the pastor’s salary. Fr. Illo explained, however, that you needed him to raise sufficient pledges to cover living expenses for the three additional members of the community over its first three years.

We are happy to pledge \$_____ over three years or a one-time pledge of \$_____ contingent on the establishment of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in San Francisco. We understand that you will ask us to fulfill our pledge as the Oratory priests need it over three years, payable to a non-profit Foundation which the Archbishop of San Francisco will establish, overseen by a Board of Trustees. This letter serves as our formal pledge of financial support for the Oratorian Fathers in San Francisco.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

P.S. You are welcome to use the following contact information for me:

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Please Mail completed forms by 2/26/2014 to: Fr. Joseph Illo; 10000 Ojai Road; Santa Paula, CA 93060