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Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church
Msgr. Baddick
1861 Catasaqua Rd
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Dear Msgr. Baddick,

We met back in 2016 when I registered as a parishioner at Notre Dame. At that time, I sought to formally include myself in the count of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics, and establish roots with a home parish as I lived in the Valley Park apartments across the street. I have been receiving offering envelopes for some time.

In the meantime, I have examined my beliefs and come full circle to non-denominational Christianity with elements of Zen Buddhism and Eastern Orthodox Christianity as I learned it under the tutelage of one of the great teachers in my life, "Brother Love". I had recent occasion to study Alexander Schmemmann's For the Life of the World, and carry with me that "we are all priests". I maintain a devoted, spiritual being, as I did when I was a mere secular humanist. The Church will always be with me, its doctrine not always so much. I've never been overly reliant on liturgical devotion.

For the foregoing, I'd like to cease receiving offering envelopes. I've never actually used them. My mother, Kimberly Blatt, is a member of Notre Dame and I justified receiving them without donating but cash at Christmas on the fact that she donates regularly.

I thank you for the kind, personal attention you showed me at a troubled time in my life and for welcoming me into your flock. I feel my position to be neither an end, nor a beginning.

Thank-you,
Sincerely yours,

James A. Blatt