

Petition Requesting Reconsideration of the Leave of Absence of Father Christopher Williams

To His Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Peter Baldacchino,

We, the faithful parishioners of San Albino Parish and members of the community of the Diocese of Las Cruces, respectfully and prayerfully submit this petition requesting reconsideration of the leave of absence placed on Father Christopher Williams, Pastor of San Albino Parish. We believe his continued ministry would greatly benefit our parish community.

Father Christopher has contributed enormously to the growth and vitality of our parish. Through his faithful leadership, pastoral care, and dedication to the spiritual life of our community, San Albino has flourished as a vibrant and welcoming parish. His commitment to celebrating the sacraments with reverence, fostering unity among parishioners, and guiding us in our Catholic faith has deeply impacted our lives.

San Albino is not only a parish—it is a living, thriving community of faith. Under Father Christopher's guidance, our parish has grown stronger in unity, participation, and devotion. Many families, youth, and individuals have been drawn closer to Christ through his ministry.

At the same time, we humbly and respectfully ask for clarity regarding Father Christopher's leave of absence. As members of this parish community, we have been deeply affected by this situation, especially because it came unexpectedly and with no communication. We believe that our community deserves to be informed, to the extent appropriate, about the reasons behind such a significant and sudden measure. Transparency, communicated with pastoral sensitivity, would help alleviate confusion, prevent division, and foster trust within our parish.

We humbly ask you, as our shepherd, to consider both the profound spiritual good that Father Christopher has brought to San Albino and the sincere desire of your faithful for understanding and reassurance during this time. His presence has been a source of stability, encouragement, and faith for so many. We sincerely believe that his reinstatement would continue to nurture and strengthen our parish community.

With filial respect and trust in your pastoral care, we entrust this request to your discernment and prayers.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Parishioners of San Albino and members of the community of the Diocese of Las Cruces

Signatures are appended to this petition.