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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

June 21, 2007

Ms. Anne Charlton
Hamilton LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee)
c/o City Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON

Attention: Ida Bedioul, Legislative Assistant

Re: Adam Book House – 167 Book Road East, Ancaster

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 25, 2007 in respect to the above-noted residence. To date I have not received any confirmation that the structure has been vandalized nor that a fire had been set within the structure as suggested in your letter.

I understand that you propose referring the matter to the next LACAC (Municipal Heritage Committee) meeting on June 28 with a view of requesting Council to initiate the designation process under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Please be advised that the Diocese will oppose any attempt to impose a heritage designation on this residence. Any such designation will not compel the Diocese to take action to preserve the structure. The Diocese has requested the Heritage Committee to purchase the steel coverings for the doors and windows in order to secure the residence. To date, we have received no response to this invitation. If this structure is an important heritage resource in the City of Hamilton, as you submit, then the committee should be able to provide from its budget the necessary funds to cover this expense. Alternatively, the Diocese is prepared to offer to the City the opportunity to purchase the Adam Book house for the sum of \$1.00, conditional on the City, at its own expense, dismantling and/or removing the house to a more suitable and secure location.

I await your response to this proposal.

Yours very truly,
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

John J. O'Brien
Business Administrator

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cc: Mr. Terence A. Whelan, Q.C.

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