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Subject: The closing of St. Jeremiah in Framingham. **For the Archbishop's eye's.**

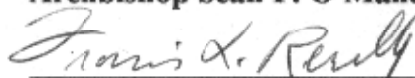
The purpose of this letter is two-fold! To both warn Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley and to protect our church from the local, state, national and worldwide negative media coverage that is sure to follow the closing of St. Jeremiah's Church.

A group of concerned citizens have begun to organize a movement to save and preserve the childhood parish of **Christa (Corrigan) McAuliffe**. Christa was raised in Framingham, Massachusetts, and, as one of our local heroes, several memorials have been dedicated to her - the **Christa (Corrigan) McAuliffe Library (her Library)**, the **McAuliffe/Challenger Center at Framingham State "teachers" College (her College)** and at **St. Jeremiah's (her Church) the bells**. **The McAuliffe Bells of St. Jeremiah's are heard throughout Framingham and are a constant reminder of Christa's sacrifice.**

The movement to keep and protect the memory of the courage and accomplishments of the **"first teacher in space" St. Jeremiah's own Christa (Corrigan) McAuliffe** is quickly gaining speed. Christa dreamed of touching our lives, embracing the opportunity to explore space and the role that she as a teacher could play in her students future. Christa did not complete her mission, paying the highest price one can pay for her neighbors, friends, country and the world. There are many in Framingham, Massachusetts, the United States, indeed the world who will never allow the doors to close on any memorial dedicated to Christa's memory. The world will always remember the **"teacher"** and her message of **dedication to expand into the future not retreat into the past.**

I hope that whoever is responsible for reading this letter and determine if it is worthy of the Archbishop's eyes appreciates and understands that the effort now underway to save and preserve the memory of **Christa (Corrigan) McAuliffe bells** will most likely produce massive media attention. The church has received a great deal of bad press over the last year or so, and it is critical that the initial response by the archdiocese be by the highest authority possible. Any reply which must be explained or corrected later would be a disaster.

The effort to save Christa's memorial belongs to all people, to all religions. It goes beyond our Church, beyond our borders, one may even say that it travels into space going on forever. Future generations will always remember the "teacher," St. Jeremiah's own Christa (Corrigan) McAuliffe. I only pray that a future memorial plaque placed by a grateful community doesn't read, **"On this site once stood the Teacher's Church, St. Jeremiah closed by order of Archbishop Sean P. O'Malley May 24, 2004."**



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