

August 27, 2021

Mr. Keith Famie Visionist Entertainment 2345 Beck Rd Wixom, MI 48393

Dear Mr. Famie,

I am very happy to let you know that the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is looking forward to participating in the story you will narrate about the history and role that Detroit historic congregations have played in the life of our city. We enthusiastically support this project:

Ste. Anne Parish de Detroit was founded on July 26, 1701, a few days after the founding of Detroit. It is the oldest congregation in the city and was the only congregation until 1816. Our current church was built in 1886. It includes elements from the 1818 church. One of our pastors, Fr. Gabriel Richard (1802-1832) is considered the "second founder" of Detroit after the 1805 fire. His exclamation, "Speramus meliora; resurget cineribus," ("We hope for better things; it will rise from the ashes") is in the seal of the City of Detroit.

On January 27, 2020, Pope Francis named our church a minor basilica. Only one percent of Catholic churches in the country and in the world receive this honor. A church receives this title due to its historical importance in the area and as a place of pilgrimage.

I believe that our congregation and church will be a significant art of your story. Please let me know how we can be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Msgr. Charles Kosanke

Pastor

## CHURCH

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I am very happy to let you know that Most Holy Trinity Parish is looking forward to participating in the story you will narrate about the history and role that Detroit historic congregations have played in the life of our city. We enthusiastically support this project:

Most Holy Trinity Parish in 1834 to serve the Irish immigrants coming to Detroit from County Cork, Ireland, hence the name Corktown. Besides being the spiritual home of the Irish, it also includes the Maltese, Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans. The current church was constructed in 1855. The congregation has always been known for its outreach to the poor and suffering in the city. It served as the first unofficial hospital during the cholera epidemic in the 1830s. It has the oldest operating grade school in city, founded in 1838. It also has the oldest free medical clinic in the United States, St. Francis Cabrini Clinic founded in 1950.

Msgr. Clem Kern, pastor from 1943-1977 was a legendary figure in Detroit, including being the chaplain to the labor movement.

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