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Holy Name Catholic Church Parishioner Alters Prayer

Request and Asks for Peace

(Palm Beach Gardens, FL) May 20, 2011- Reverend Gavin Badway at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in West Palm Beach has agreed to honor a parishioner's request to change a prayer intention the parishioner originally submitted as a prayer intention for terrorist Osama bin Laden. The prayer request was originally supposed to be part of the Mass intentions during the church's Noon Mass on Sunday, May 22.

Tonight, Father Badway said Henry Borja asked that his prayer request instead will now be one asking for peace. In addition, Borja is asking parishioners to bring white flags to Mass to represent peace and to bring about healing.

Borja describes himself as a man of peace whose original request was not meant to bring discord or feelings of hate into the community. Instead, Borja was practicing his Catholic faith of forgiveness and reconciliation. Now he hopes that parishioners will support his efforts and will attend Mass carrying white flags.

To ensure the solemnity of the Mass, no media cameras or recording devices will be allowed into the church during Masses on Sunday. However, media members are invited to come inside to attend.

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