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To the Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laity of the Diocese,

You may remember Archbishop Sheen's niece, Joan Sheen Cunningham, petitioned the New York Court to allow for the transfer of the remains of Venerable Sheen to Peoria. The Court decided in favor of Ms. Cunningham's petition. The New York Archdiocese appealed this decision.

On October 10, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., the Court will address the appeal in this matter. Patricia Gibson, as Chancellor and Diocesan Attorney, has been involved tremendously in the case guiding Joan's attorneys in New York and preparing for the oral argument in New York next week.

I strenuously request for your prayers for the Appellate Court to side in favor of Joan's petition. A favorable ruling supporting Joan's petition will be a great step towards bringing Sheen to Peoria and advancing his Beatification.

Next week is a crucial step in the Sheen's Cause. So much prayer is needed. Please pray for our success next week at the Appellate hearing in New York.

God bless you and may Our Lady pray with us and for us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

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