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READOUT OF MAYOR DE BLASIO AND CARDINAL DOLAN'S MEETING IN CITY HALL

Late yesterday, Mayor Bill de Blasio hosted a meeting with Timothy Cardinal Dolan and officials from the City and Archdiocese to discuss the urgent issues of affordable housing and homelessness in New York City. The Mayor and Cardinal agreed to work in partnership to increase affordable housing and emergency shelter options for New Yorkers, including leveraging buildings in the Archdiocese portfolio. City officials will begin meeting regularly with Archdiocese officials to pursue these opportunities.

Transcript of Cardinal Dolan's gaggle related to affordable housing and homelessness after the meeting:

Cardinal: I've been invited by the Mayor to partner with him in this crucial challenge that we've got in providing affordable housing and emergency shelters. We still got some meat and potatoes to work out, but I think it's a go, and if you ask me, I don't have a choice because Jesus told me to do this. I didn't need the Mayor to tell me to do this.

Q: What's the Archdiocese's role in affordable housing?

Cardinal: What we want to do is a number of things. First of all, we do this already, so it's nothing novel for us, so we're pros at it. Number two, we happen to have some properties, some buildings that are ready for alternate use. We want them to be used for the mission of the church – namely for teaching, education, healthcare, housing, charity – and this fits in.

He and I work for the same people, namely God's people, the people of this city, and they've told us this is an urgent need. Let's do it.

Mayor: Amen, beautifully said.

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