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New York Court of Appeals Dismisses Archdiocese of New York Latest Appeal

PEORIA -- On May 2, 2019, the New York State Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, dismissed the Archdiocese of New York's latest appeal of the judgment that granted Archbishop Sheen's family permission to move his earthly remains to St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria. After almost three years of litigation, the New York Archdiocese's legal arguments have now been rejected at all three levels of the New York state court system. Although the New York Archdiocese may technically have legal options remaining, they are contrary to the wishes of Archbishop Sheen and his family, and would serve no genuine purpose except to delay the eventual transfer of Archbishop Sheen's remains. We call on the Archdiocese of New York to end its litigious endeavors and to cooperate with the efforts of the Sheen family and Diocese of Peoria in celebrating the beatification of The Venerable Servant of God hopefully in this 100th year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

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