



ARCHDIOCESE OF **ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU**

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Statement about fire at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Petersburg

Archbishop Andrew Bellisario, C.M. asks everyone throughout the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau to please pray for Fr. Jose Thomas and the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Petersburg. Around noon on Thursday, July 6th, a fire broke out during Mass. Fortunately, no one was injured, and Fr. Jose was able to save the Eucharist. Petersburg volunteer firefighters were still fighting the fire as of 3:30pm. We will provide further information once the damage has been assessed.