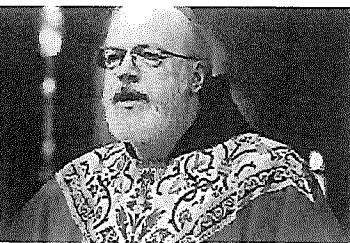


Cardinal Seán's Blog

Cardinal Seán shares his reflections & experiences.

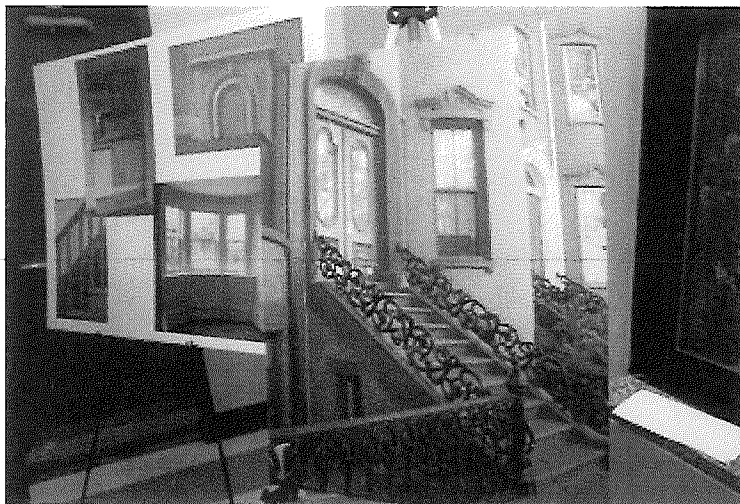


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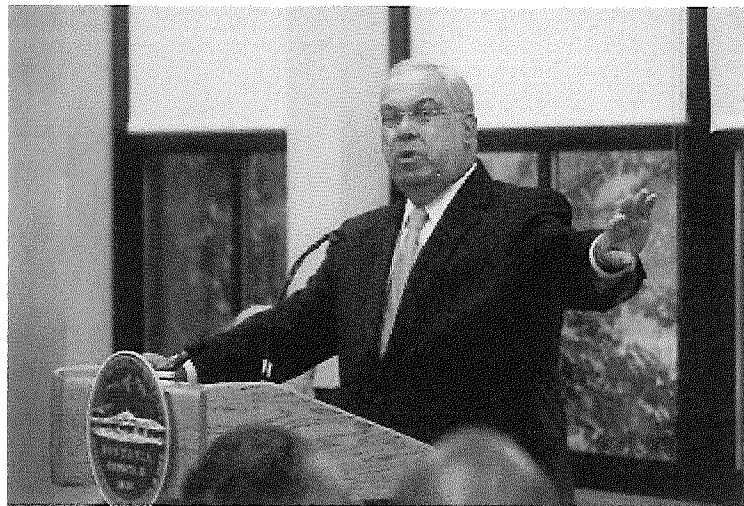
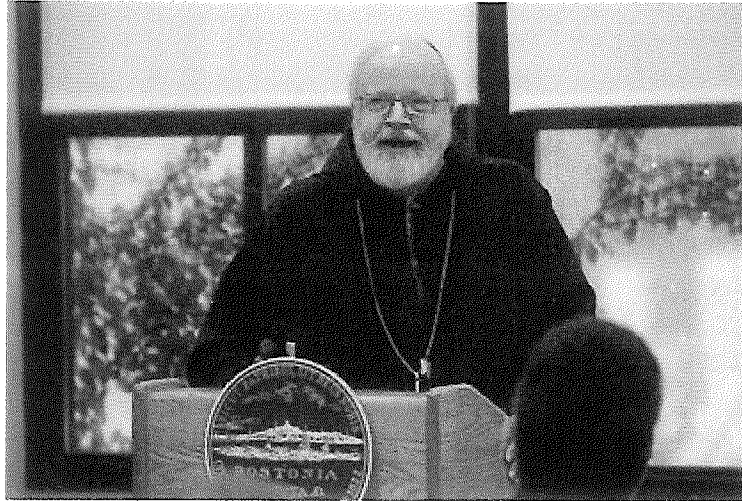
One Wednesday, I went to a dedication of a renovated permanent housing facility for people who have struggled with homelessness.



Our Urban Planning Office, that does so much to provide low-income housing to people, has partnered with the Pine Street Inn, a local shelter for the homeless, in acquiring some property and refurbishing it.

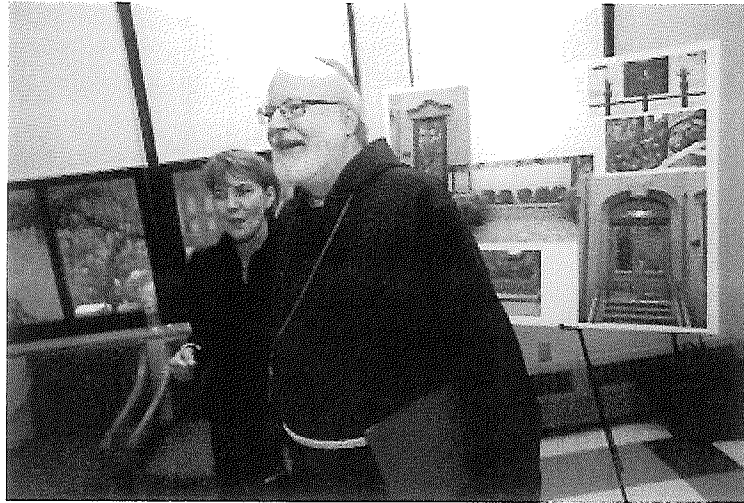


This was a very difficult project to initiate because some of the people in the neighborhood initially objected to this project. Mayor Thomas Menino was very supportive, however, and we're grateful to him and to all of those who worked together to help acquire the financing and to bring this about.

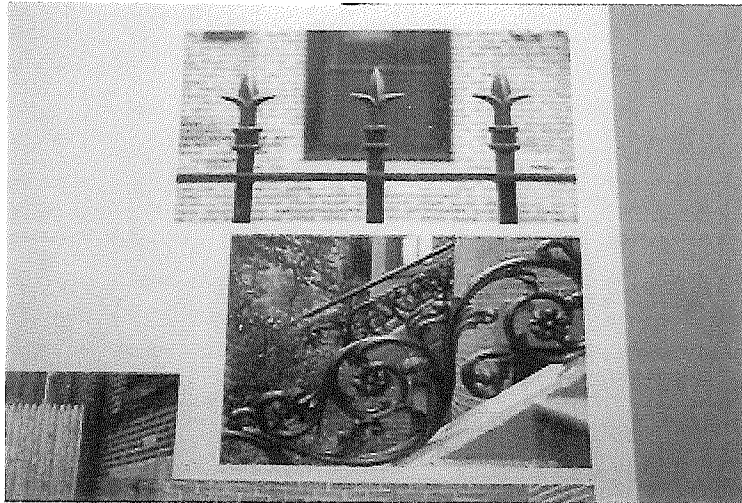


The Pine Street Inn makes a point of trying to place people in permanent housing, not just a “warehouse” of homeless people.

This was an important event for them, but we had the dedication and blessing at Pine Street Inn itself. It was referred to as a virtual dedication, because of the heavy rain and to prevent the crowd from being out in the elements. And it was also, I think, good for people to see the connection between the new house and the shelter.



With Lisa Alberghini



Lyndia Downie does a wonderful job as director of the Pine Street Inn. Lisa Alberghini from our office, Mayor Menino, and I, among others, addressed the crowd and congratulated and thanked everyone for their good work.