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### **Syracuse Diocese Offers Modest Settlement To Workers But No Jobs.**

A statement from SEIU Local 200United President Jerry Dennis:

“We are not happy with this settlement. We believe that this is an injustice and have still not been given a reason as to why the board of St. Mary – St. Agnes Cemeteries would terminate six long term workers. Although we applied pressure from the community, political leaders and even parishioners within the catholic faith, with the hope that they would do the right thing it is unfortunate that they have chosen not to.

When the catholic diocese presented all workers with severance agreements it became evident that they would not be hiring any of these workers, even though all applied for further employment. In the alternative, the workers were left with a choice to either continue to fight this injustice or accept a modest severance package with six months of continued health insurance. The proposal seeks to sever these employees within ten days.

The workers appreciate the overwhelming support of the community, but in the interest of providing for their families, they have elected to end this fight.”

The rally scheduled for Sunday has been cancelled.

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