

Note to File: **Pope John Paul II Ambo**

November 23, 2010

Msgr. Marucci investigated the background regarding the Ambo, owned by St. Andrew the Apostle Church, which was used during the pontifical visit of Pope John Paul II on his historical visit to the United States in 1979.

At the time, Master Sgt, John Delaney (husband of Carol Delaney) worked for the White House Communications Agency. The Holy Father was scheduled to speak at Andrew's Air Force Base, in October 1979, and a pulpit was needed. Master Sgt. John Delaney, and others, built the pulpit from which the Holy Father addressed the audience. After the ceremonies, the Air Force Base asked Master Sgt. Delaney if he would like to have the pulpit. Master Sgt. Accepted the pulpit and donated it to his parish, St. Andrew the apostle, in 1979. The Ambo has remained in storage, at the parish, since that time.

Testimony was provided by Mrs. Carol Delaney to Msgr. Louis Marucci, (current Pastor of St. Andrew the Apostle) on November 23, 2010. Mrs. Delaney informed Msgr. Marucci that Master Sgt. John Delaney passed away a number of years ago.

Rev. Louis X. Marucci 11/23/10