



The Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R.
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
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Decree

Whereas, in order to accommodate its growing parish membership, St. Malachy Parish of Brownsburg erected a new parish church building which was dedicated on December 16, 2008; and

Whereas the parish obtained land by means of gift and purchase for the construction of the new church and for the construction of other parish buildings, including a new parish school, a new parish office, and a new parish rectory at a location approximately four miles from the original campus of the parish; and

Whereas the parish incurred a significant debt in order to build the new church building and later to build a parish school building; and

Whereas, following a vote of the pastoral council, the pastor and chairman of the pastoral council of St. Malachy Parish wrote to me on May 23, 2014 and petitioned that the former parish church be relegated to profane but not sordid use so that it could be sold with the remainder of the property upon which the parish campus was located prior to the construction of a new church and school; and

Whereas the sale of the entire campus will reduce the outstanding debt from approximately \$3,000,000 to approximately \$800,000; and

Whereas I convened the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council for consultation concerning the question of whether the former St. Malachy Parish church should be relegated to profane but not sordid use; and

Whereas in the discussion of the question the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council heard the facts as presented above; and

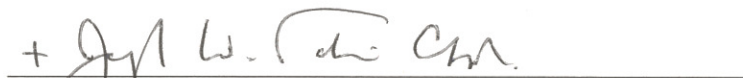
Whereas the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council voted unanimously to recommend that the St. Malachy Parish church be relegated to profane but not sordid use; and

Whereas I have concluded that the lack of usefulness of the church to St. Malachy Parish and the need to use the funds from the sale of the church and the rest of the old parish campus to relieve the debt incurred for the construction of the new church and school constitute grave cause sufficient in law to support the relegation of the church building to profane but not sordid use;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., in my capacity as Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of St. Malachy Parish specifically and the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, hereby decree:

1. The former parish church of the St. Malachy Parish shall be relegated to profane but not sordid use fourteen days after the date of the promulgation of this decree.
2. St. Malachy Parish, in consultation with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, shall dispose of the church building in a manner that accords with Catholic faith and morals and its dignity as a former place of Divine worship.
3. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Malachy Parish.
4. The parishioners of St. Malachy Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of the parish. Copies of this decree are to be made available for inspection at the office of the parish, and the parishioners shall be given notice as soon as is possible after its receipt by the pastor.
5. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
6. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis this 11th day of August, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Tobin C.Ss.R.", written above a horizontal line.

The Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Annette 'Mickey' Lentz", written above a horizontal line.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor