



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

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Decree

Whereas, by my decree of May 21, 2014, the former St. Bernadette Parish of Indianapolis was merged by extinctive union into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of Indianapolis on November 30, 2014; and

Whereas no recourse was filed against this decree; and

Whereas the legal and equitable assets and liabilities of the former St. Bernadette Parish became assets and liabilities of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish by virtue of the extinctive union; and

Whereas the former parish church of St. Bernadette Parish is located within a larger structure, the majority of which structure was not dedicated to Divine worship; and

Whereas the parish leadership has decided to convey that larger structure to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for use by the Intercultural Ministries Institute; and

Whereas the Intercultural Ministries Institute desires to continue to use the space of the former parish church for purposes of Divine worship; and

Whereas such use does not require the relegation of the former parish church to profane but not sordid use; and

Whereas I have determined that such use is useful to the spiritual life of the Archdiocese, particularly insofar as it will foster multicultural and intercultural worship;

I, Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.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 Archdiocese of Indianapolis, hereby decree:

1. The parish church of the former St. Bernadette Parish shall remain dedicated to Divine worship.
2. The former parish church shall, from the effective date of this decree, that is, the 21st day of April, 2015, be established as an oratory.
3. The oratory shall be named the St. Bernadette Oratory at the Intercultural Ministries Institute.
4. That permission for the reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist in the St. Bernadette Oratory is granted, provided that safety and dignity of the Sacrament are safeguarded pursuant to all relevant canonical and liturgical laws and regulations.

5. The sacrament of baptism is not to be celebrated in the St. Bernadette Oratory.
6. Weddings and funerals may be celebrated in the St. Bernadette Oratory only with the express permission of the Ordinary. Such permission will be granted only if such celebrations are to the pastoral advantage of those served by the Intercultural Ministries Institute or those who were members of the former St. Bernadette Parish at the time of its merger by extinctive union into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.
7. This decree is to be published to the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and to the director of the Intercultural Ministries Institute.
8. The parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes 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.
9. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
10. 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 21st day of April, 2015.

+ Joseph W. Tobin C.M.

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