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DECREE

Whereas Saint Mary Catholic Church in Greensburg, Indiana (1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way, Greensburg, Indiana), has built a new church and extended parish campus on a 25-acre plot of land about 1.5 miles from the site of the original Saint Mary Catholic Church (208 S. East Street, Greensburg, Indiana); and,

Whereas the new church building was dedicated for worship by my predecessor, Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, on 13 August 2016, and,

Whereas the new church building incorporated the patrimony of the former site of worship including the stained glass, the main altar, side altars, statuary and other sacred items, and,

Whereas the former church no longer has sacred furnishings, and,

Whereas the parishioners of Saint Mary in Greensburg, Indiana, were consulted and agreed that the former church building of Saint Mary (208 S. East St.) be relegated to profane but not sordid use; and,

Whereas, on 1 October 2018, the pastor of Saint Mary Catholic Church (1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way), after consultation with both his finance and pastoral council, petitioned me to relegate the former church building of Saint Mary (208 S. East St.) to profane but not sordid use so that the proceeds of the sale of the church building might be used to fund the ministries of Saint Mary Catholic Church (1331 E. Hunter Robbins Way); and,

Whereas I consulted with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council on 23 October 2018 on the question of the relegation of the former church building of Saint Mary (208 S. East St.) to profane but not sordid use; and,

Whereas in the consideration of the question of reducing the former church building of Saint Mary (208 S. East St.) to profane but not sordid use evaluated the following facts concerning the former Saint Mary Church:

- The church building on 208 S. East St. is not in good repair.
- The parish has funded and built a new church building on a new campus.
- The patrimony and sacred furnishings of the former church building have already been removed and used in the new church building.
- Saint Mary Catholic Church has no use for the former church building.

And whereas the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council voted unanimously to recommend that the former church building of Saint Mary (208 S. East St.) be relegated to profane but not sordid use; and,

Whereas I have concluded that the economic hardship of maintaining the former church building and its lack of usefulness to the parish of Saint Mary Catholic Church constitute a grave cause sufficient in law to support the relegation of the church building to profane but not sordid use;

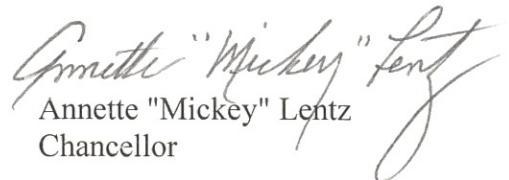
I, Charles C. Thompson, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of Saint Mary Catholic Church in Greensburg, Indiana, specifically, and the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, hereby decree:

1. The former church building of Saint Mary (208 S. East St.) in Greensburg, Indiana, shall be relegated to profane but not sordid use fourteen days after the date of the promulgation of this decree.
2. Saint Mary Catholic Church, in consultation with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, shall dispose of the church building in a manner that accords with Catholic faith and morals, and with its dignity as a former place of Divine worship.
3. This decree is to be published to the pastor of Saint Mary Catholic Church.
4. The parishioners of Saint Mary Catholic Church 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 on this 1st day of December 2018.

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The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, D.D., J.C.L.
Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis


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