



DECREE

Demolition of the Former Education Center and Rectory Building in Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish

Due to the deteriorating condition of the former education center and rectory building in Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish, a lack of the necessary funding to repair and maintain the building, and the proposed construction of a new parish education center to better meet the needs of the parish, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient just cause exists for the demolition of the former education center and rectory building.

Whereas the pastor of Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish, in whose territory the former education center and rectory building is situated, wrote to me out of concern for the fiscal stability of Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish in order to request that the former education center and rectory building be demolished;

Whereas the following reasons indicate that the former education center and rectory building, located within the boundaries of Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish, should be demolished:

Whereas the property is no longer being used for the purpose of which it was built, and there is no possibility that it will be used for that or any other purpose, particularly since a new education center which better serves the needs of the parish is under consideration for construction;

Whereas the structure of the former education center and rectory building has deteriorated to the extent that major and expensive repairs are necessary, coupled with concerns which relate to liability issues for a vacant building;

Whereas following the pastor's consultation with the parishioners of Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish, including the parish pastoral council and the parish finance council, no interest was expressed in maintaining the former education center and rectory building, particularly because a better-constructed education center is under consideration for serving the parishioners;

Whereas other reasonable sources of funding for the maintenance of the former education center and rectory building have been considered but found inadequate.

Having carefully considered the law and the facts; and

Having heard the pastor of Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish; and

Having consulted the members of the Council of Priests on 16 March 2021, and following discussion, no substantial objection to that proposal was offered; the Council of Priests voted unanimously in favor of the proposal; and

Having consulted the members of the College of Consultors on 16 March 2021, and following discussion, no substantial objection to that proposal was offered; the College of Consultors voted unanimously in favor of the proposal; and

Having consulted the members of the Diocesan Finance Council on 25 March 2021, and following discussion, no substantial objection to that proposal was offered; the Diocesan Finance Council voted unanimously in favor of the proposal; and

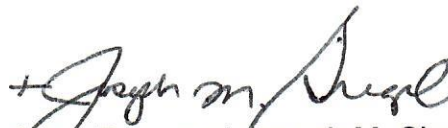
Having ascertained by means of the original deeds and other documents of the property as well as having heard from others that there are no major donors and/or their heirs who may have donated the former education center and rectory building; and

Having ensured that the demolition has been approved by civil authorities, and no special permits are needed.

Therefore, in accord with canon 1290 of the *Code of Canon Law*, and having judged that sufficient just cause is indeed present, I hereby decree that the former education center and rectory building at Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish, is to be demolished.

The provisions of this decree shall be effective on 20 April 2021, all things to the contrary notwithstanding. This decree is to be communicated to all interested persons. These provisions may be appealed according to the norm of law, canon 1734 §§1 and 2.

Given at Evansville, Indiana
1 April 2021



Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, DD, STL
Bishop of Evansville


Tim McGuire
Chancellor
