



DECREE

Demolition of the Parish Center (Former Rectory), Storage Shed, and Garage At Saint Peter Parish in Montgomery

Due to the deteriorating condition of the parish center (former rectory), storage shed, and garage located in the territory of Saint Peter Parish in Montgomery, a lack of the necessary funding to repair and maintain the buildings, and the existence of more suitable buildings, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient just cause exists for the demolition of the aforementioned buildings.

Whereas the administrator of Saint Peter Parish, in whose territory the parish center (former rectory), storage shed, and garage are situated, wrote to me out of concern for the fiscal stability of Saint Peter Parish in order to request that the parish center (former rectory), storage shed, and garage be demolished;

Whereas the following reasons indicate that the aforementioned buildings located within the boundaries of Saint Peter Parish should be demolished:

Whereas the buildings are no longer being used for the purpose of which they were built, and there is no possibility that they will be used for that or any other purpose, particularly since more suitable buildings better serve the needs of the parish;

Whereas the structures of the aforementioned buildings have deteriorated to the extent that major and expensive repairs are necessary as the edifices suffer from deferred maintenance, coupled with concerns related to liability issues;

Whereas following the pastor's consultation with the parishioners of Saint Peter Parish and the parish pastoral council, no interest was expressed in maintaining the aforementioned buildings, particularly because more suitable buildings better serve this purpose;

Whereas other reasonable sources of funding for the maintenance of the parish center (former rectory), storage shed, and garage have been considered but found inadequate.

Having carefully considered the law and the facts; and

Having heard the administrator of Saint Peter Parish; and

Having consulted the members of the Council of Priests on 16 August 2022, 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 August 2022, 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 19 August 2022, 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 parish center (former rectory), storage shed, and garage; and

Having been assured by the administrator that any required permits for the proposed demolition will be filed at the appropriate time with civil authorities.

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 parish center (former rectory), storage shed, and garage located in the territory of Saint Peter Parish in Montgomery are to be demolished.

The provisions of this decree shall be effective on 28 September 2022, 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
13 September 2022




Dean Happe
Chancellor


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