



DECREE

Demolition of the Former Rectory at Assumption of Mary Chapel Barr Township

Due to the deteriorating condition of the former rectory building in the territory of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, a lack of the necessary funding to repair and maintain the building, and the existence of a more suitable rectory, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient just cause exists for the demolition of the former rectory building.

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

Whereas the following reasons indicate that the former rectory building located at 3564-3581 North CR 1200 East within the boundaries of Saint John the Evangelist 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 the rectory located near St. John the Evangelist Church better serves the needs of the parish;

Whereas the structure of the former rectory building has deteriorated to the extent that major and expensive repairs are necessary, coupled with concerns which relate to liability issues; the interior of the former rectory building is described as in poor and unlivable condition, suffering from deferred maintenance, and the well system appears to not be functional;

Whereas following the pastor's consultation with the parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, the parish pastoral council, and the parish finance council, no interest was expressed in maintaining the former rectory building, particularly because the rectory located near St. John the Evangelist Church better serves this purpose;

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

Having carefully considered the law and the facts; and

Having heard the pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish; and

Having consulted the members of the Council of Priests on 10 August 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 10 August 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 19 August 2021, and following discussion, no substantial objection to that proposal was offered; the Diocesan Finance Council voted unanimously in favor of the proposal; and

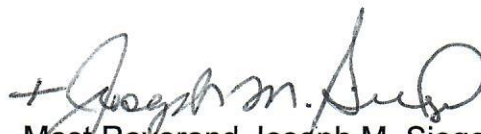
Having ascertained by means of the original deeds and other documents of the property as well as having heard from others that there are no major donors and/or their heirs who may have donated the former rectory; and

Having been assured by the pastor 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 former rectory building located in Barr Township in the territory of Saint John the Evangelist Parish is to be demolished.

The provisions of this decree shall be effective on 9 December 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
22 November 2021



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



Tim McGuire
Chancellor