



The Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
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DECREE

Whereas, on 6 June 2013 by the decree of my predecessor, the Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., the former parish of the Saint Pius V (County Road 500 E., Sunman, IN), was merged by extinctive union into the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo (213 Ripley St., Milan, IN 47031); and,

Whereas the recourse that was filed against this decree has been exhausted and the decree upheld; and,

Whereas the legal and equitable assets and liabilities of the former parish of Saint Pius V became assets and liabilities of the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo by virtue of the extinctive union; and,

Whereas the parish life coordinator of the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo discussed with the parishioners on the possibility of the reduction to profane but not sordid use of the Church building of Saint Pius V over the course of 2017-2018; and,

Whereas, on 4 October 2018, the moderator and parish life coordinator of the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo, after consultation with both his finance and pastoral council, petitioned me to relegate the church building of the former parish of Saint Pius V 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 the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo; and,

Whereas, on 23 October 2018, I consulted with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council on the question of the relegation of the church building of Saint Pius V to profane but not sordid use; and,

Whereas, in the consideration of the question of reduction of church building of Saint Pius V, I evaluated the following facts concerning the state of the church building of Saint Pius V:

- The church building is not in good repair.
- In 2017, the choir loft was closed after a structural inspection revealed that framing and support system rendered the choir loft unsafe for occupancy.

- Inspection by an outside engineering firm in May of 2018 found significant deterioration and insect damage to have occurred to the main structural system supporting the floor of the nave and sanctuary of the church building.
- Additional water infiltration has caused additional damage to the interior plaster and paint.
- Based upon the report of the engineering firm, a general contractor estimated in December 2018 that the repairs of the floor and choir loft alone to be \$654,000.
- The income for Saint Charles Borromeo in the fiscal year of 2018/2019 was \$195,030; the expenses were \$188,110.
- The merged parish of Saint Charles Borromeo has no use for this building.

Whereas the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council voted unanimously to recommend that church building of Saint Pius V be relegated to profane but not sordid use; and,

Whereas I have concluded that the economic hardship of repairing the building and its lack of usefulness to the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo constitute grave cause sufficient in law to support the relegation of the church building to profane but not sordid use;

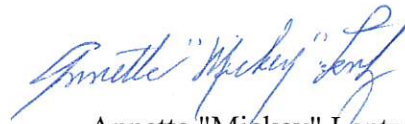
I, the Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, D.D., J.C.L., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo specifically and the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, hereby decree:

1. The church building of the former parish of Saint Pius V shall be relegated to profane but not sordid use fourteen days after the date of the promulgation of this decree.
2. The parish of Saint Charles Borromeo, 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 the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo.
4. The parishioners of the parish of Saint Charles Borromeo are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the moderator 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 moderator.
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 11 May 2019.

+ *Charles C. Thompson*

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annette 'Mickey' Lentz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor