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DECREE

Whereas, by the decree of the Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., on 21 May 2014, the former St. Bernadette Parish of Indianapolis, was merged by extinctive union into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of Indianapolis on 30 November 2014; and

Whereas no recourse was filed against this decree; and

Whereas the legal and equitable assets and liabilities of the former St. Bernadette Parish became assets and liabilities of Our Lady of Lourdes by virtue of the extinctive union; and

Whereas the former members of St. Bernadette Parish presently incorporated into the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, were consulted on 27 March 2017, and agreed with the request that the former parish Church of St. Bernadette be relegated to profane but not sordid use; and

Whereas, on 29 March 2017, the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, after consultation with both his finance and pastoral council, petitioned me to relegate the St. Bernadette Church building 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 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; and

Whereas I consulted with the Archdiocesan College of Consultors on the question of the relegation of St. Bernadette Church to profane but not sordid use; and

Whereas in the consideration of the question of reduction of St. Bernadette Church evaluated evidence of the following facts concerning the former St. Bernadette Church:

- The building is not in good repair.
- The cost of repairs would be approximately two million dollars (\$1,951,000).
- The appraised value of the building (\$245,000) is below the cost of repairs.
- The building itself was not originally built as a church building. It was a former school building, and the gym was later converted into a church.
- The merged Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has no use for this building.

And whereas the Archdiocesan College of Consultors voted unanimously to recommend that St. Bernadette Church 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 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish constitute grave cause sufficient in law to support the relegation of the church building to profane but not sordid use;

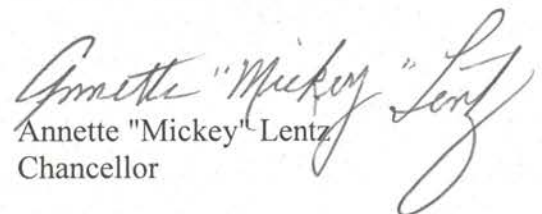
I, William F. Stumpf, in my capacity as Administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish specifically and the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, hereby decree:

1. The parish church of the former St. Bernadette Parish shall be relegated to profane but not sordid use fourteen days after the date of the promulgation of this decree.
2. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 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 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.
4. The parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 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 this 18 May 2017.



Reverend Monsignor William F. Stumpf, Ph.D.
Administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor