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DECREE

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Marcus Buechlein, O.S.B., had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Maurice Parish in St. Maurice, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish currently has fewer than 200 registered households and has averaged approximately 500 registered members in the years from 2002 to 2012;
- the parish has received only 6 adults into the Church through RCIA from 2002 to 2012;
- the parish shares a youth minister with St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg;
- the parish currently coordinates and collaborates with St. John the Evangelist Parish with regard to mass scheduling, shared ministries, and aspects of marriage preparation; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. Maurice Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the currently existing parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Maurice;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Decatur County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the two currently existing parishes; and

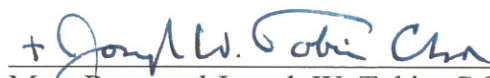
Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. Maurice Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. Maurice Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Decatur County;

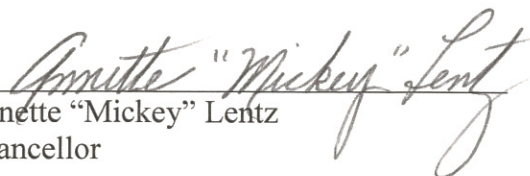
I, Joseph William Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. Maurice Parish of St. Maurice specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. Maurice Parish of St. Maurice, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the parish erected in northern Decatur County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. Maurice Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. Maurice Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Decatur County, the civil corporation of St. Maurice Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. Maurice Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. Maurice Parish and to the person whom I shall appoint to be the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. Maurice Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. Maurice Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. Maurice Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.



Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis



Annette "Mickey" Lentz
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