



DECREE
OF THE CLOSURE OF
MOTHER OF CHRIST
PASTORAL CENTER

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Whereas, in May of 1919 Saint Bernard Parish was founded in Spring Grove Village, Ohio; and
Whereas, to better address the spiritual needs of the faithful living in nearby Winton Hills, Mother of Christ Pastoral Center was established as a mission of Saint Bernard Parish in 1946; and
Whereas, in the mid-1960s land was purchased and property developed for a stable worship site at 5301 Winneste Avenue; and
Whereas, Mother of Christ Pastoral Center was never established as an independent parish; and
Whereas, over the course of the last several years the community who gathers at the Mother of Christ Pastoral Center has experienced a decrease in attendance and available financial resources; and
Whereas, the spiritual needs of the faithful can be met through Saint Bernard Parish without retaining the Mother of Christ Pastoral Center site; and
Whereas, the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese was consulted on the closure of Mother of Christ Pastoral Center and reunion of the community with Saint Bernard Parish on October 21, 2024; and
Whereas, the proposed changes are conducive to more effective pastoral ministry and, above all, to the good of souls;

I, Dennis M. Schnurr,
Archbishop of Cincinnati,

hereby decree that the
MOTHER OF CHRIST PASTORAL CENTER
be closed,

effective January 1, 2025.

Any sacramental records maintained by Mother of Christ Pastoral Center should be transferred to Saint Bernard Parish where they are to be properly preserved and safeguarded.

The faithful who worshipped at Mother of Christ Pastoral Center and Saint Bernard Parish are to support each other as a community of faith which holds in high esteem and right honor the richness of their shared history and legacy. Under the leadership of their pastor, they are to strive diligently, with God's help, to move forward in the faith as a harmonious congregation dedicated to fulfilling the mission that Jesus Christ committed to his disciples.

This decree becomes effective on January 1, 2025, and is to be published to the people associated with Mother of Christ Pastoral Center and Saint Bernard Parish. Recourse may be taken against this decree in accord with the norms of canon law.

Given from the Chancery of the Archdiocese,
Cincinnati, Ohio,
on the 22nd day of November in the Year of Our Lord 2024,
Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr.



Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati



Reverend Jason A. Williams, J.C.L.
Chancellor

