



# DECREE

## OF THE RELEGATION OF THE WORSHIP SPACE AT

### MOTHER OF CHRIST PASTORAL CENTER

### TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

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

**W**hereas, 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, the space for worship at Mother of Christ Pastoral Center was blessed on February 5, 1965, but never established nor consecrated as a canonical church; 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, including their worship space, 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**

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MOTHER OF CHRIST PASTORAL CENTER  
BE RELEGATED TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE,**

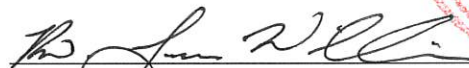
**effective January 1, 2025.**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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