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## DECREE

Whereas, by my decree of 19 April 2018, the former parish of the Saint Martin of Tours (27246 Perry Street, Siberia, IN 47515), was merged by extinctive union into the parish of Saint Isidore the Farmer (6501 St. Isidore Road, Bristow, IN 47515); and,

Whereas the peremptory time limit to appeal this decree has been exhausted and the decree upheld; and,

Whereas the legal and equitable assets and liabilities of the former parish of Saint Martin of Tours became the assets and liabilities of the parish of Saint Isidore the Farmer by virtue of the extinctive union; and,

Whereas the pastor of the parish of Saint Isidore the Farmer discussed with the parishioners on the possibility of the reduction to profane but not sordid use of the Church building of Saint Martin of Tours over the course of 2024-2025; and,

Whereas, on 7 July 2025, the pastor of the parish of Saint Isidore the Farmer, after consultation with both his finance and pastoral council, petitioned me to relegate the church building of the former parish of Saint Martin of Tours 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 Isidore the Farmer; and,

Whereas, on 26 August 2025, I consulted with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council on the question of the relegation of the church building of Saint Martin of Tours to profane but not sordid use; and,

Whereas, said Presbyteral Council by consultative vote, was unanimous in its recommendation to reduce the church building of Saint Martin of Tours; and,

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

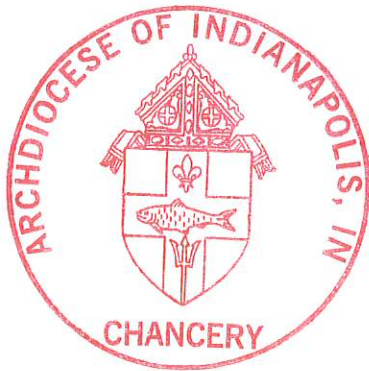
I, the Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, D.D., J.C.L., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to best address the spiritual needs of the people of the parish of Saint Isidore the Farmer specifically and the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally,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

1. The church building of the former parish of Saint Martin of Tours 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 Isidore the Farmer, 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 Isidore the Farmer.
4. The parishioners of the parish of Saint Isidore the Farmer 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 on the website of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on 27 August 2025.

*+ Charles C. Thompson*

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