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DECREE

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

Following consultation with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago, my decree of January 6, 2017, extinguished the juridic person of St. Thaddeus Parish, 9540 South Harvard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and, by extinctive union, joined its mission, territory, assets, and liabilities with the nearby St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, located at 9837 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In acquiring the assets of the former St. Thaddeus Parish, including the church and other real property, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish now has real property it is unable to use and incapable of supporting and maintaining.

Following the imminent retirement of the pastor of the former St. Thaddeus Parish there will be no priests available to celebrate the Eucharist, administer the other sacraments of the Church, maintain supervision, or organize active ministries from the church of the former St. Thaddeus Parish.

Moreover, there are no funds available from the Archdiocese of Chicago or other known sources to maintain St. Thaddeus Church for divine worship or as a center for any foreseeable evangelical purpose. The parishioners of the former St. Thaddeus Parish have already withdrawn financial support from St. Thaddeus Parrish and many have begun contributing to St. Margaret of Scotland Parish as a new home.

From before the extinctive union of the two parishes, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish has had its own premises, including a substantial Tudor Gothic church capable of seating 1200 worshippers. This church is more than adequate for the needs of the now expanded parish.

With the additional parishioners of the former St. Thaddeus Parish, St. Margaret of Scotland Parish will continue to struggle to support and adequately maintain its original structures, particularly the existing parish church. It would be both uncharitable and unrealistic to ask that the newly expanded parish support and maintain a church and other structures it cannot use and has no use for.

Relegation of St. Thaddeus Church to profane but not sordid use, according to canon 1222 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, enhances the possibility that the real property assets of the former parish of St. Thaddeus become a source of income for the newly expanded St. Margaret of Scotland Parish.

The Reverend Paul Whittington, O.P., Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and representative of the juridic person of the now expanded parish, supports the relegation of St. Thaddeus Church to profane but not sordid use.

THEREFORE, know that I, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, according to the norm of canon 1222 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, having convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese

of Chicago at the DePaul University O'Hare Campus on November 8, 2016, and having heard the said Council concerning the relegation of St. Thaddeus Church to profane but not sordid use at the same meeting, and having satisfied myself that the good of souls will suffer no detriment,

decree the following:

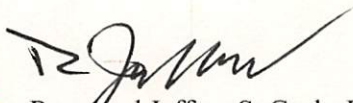
1. That St. Thaddeus Church, located at 9540 South Harvard Avenue, in the City of Chicago, State of Illinois, is relegated to profane but not sordid use;
2. That officials of the archdiocesan curia, in cooperation with the Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish proceed, according the norm of law, to make certain that the real property assets of the former St. Thaddeus Parish are secured for the benefit of the said St. Margaret of Scotland;
3. That the said church be relegated to profane but not-sordid use in such manner that the real property assets of the former parish of St. Thaddeus, including the church, provide St. Margaret of Scotland Parish with either proceeds from the alienation of the assets or income from their use under lease;
4. That the report given to the Presbyteral Council on this matter, together with the minutes of the aforementioned Council meeting of November 8, 2016, be attached to this decree; and
5. That notification of this decree be made immediately to the Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, and to the pastor of the former St. Thaddeus Parish, both in Chicago, Illinois, and to the parishioners of the expanded parish of St. Margaret of Scotland through publication in the parish bulletin.

Before hierarchical recourse may be taken against this decree, a petition to reconsider or amend the decree must be delivered to me within ten (10) useful days from notification of the decree (CIC cc. 1734, 1735, 1737).

Given and effective
this 6th day of January, A.D. 2017.
From the Archbishop Quigley Center,
Chicago, Illinois.



Cardinal Blase J. Cupich,
Archbishop of Chicago



Very Reverend Jeffrey S. Grob, J.C.D.,
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