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DECREE

Whereas, through communication of the pastor of All Saints Catholic Parish in Dearborn County, Indiana, the Reverend Jonathan P. Meyer, on 4 May 2017, petitioned the undersigned that All Saints Catholic Academy (Kindergarten – 8th Grade) be closed for the benefit of All Saints Catholic Parish; and

Whereas, the closing of parochial schools through particular law (Policy No. 2006-03) is reserved to the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and/or Administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis when the See is vacant; and

Whereas I have consulted the Archdiocesan College of Consultors on the question of the closing of All Saints Catholic Academy (Kindergarten – 8th Grade); and

Whereas I consulted the Office of Catholic Schools; and

Whereas in the consideration of the question of closing of All Saints Catholic Academy (Kindergarten – 8th Grade), among the factors I was presented were the following:

1. That the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Facilities Condition Assessment dated 15 May 2013 and 2017 initial facilities review assessed the need for substantial investment in school building and gym; and
2. That as part of the Connected in the Spirit Process, the above assessment constituted a just cause for the closure of Saint Paul in New Alsace in a decree by Archbishop Tobin dated 6 June 2013 which stated “the parish maintains a Catholic grade school with a small enrollment” and that “the costs associated with the school have put a financial burden on the parish;” and
3. That as part of the Connected in the Spirit Process, in establishing All Saints Catholic Parish and All Saints Catholic Academy in a separate decree dated 6 June 2013, Archbishop Tobin stated “in order to serve the catechetical needs of the youth of northern Dearborn County, the parishes would like to establish a regional Catholic elementary school; none of the existing parishes can support such a school individually; one of the parishes, St. Paul in New Alsace, currently operates a small

Catholic elementary school with an enrollment of approximately fifty children, but this school has caused the parish some financial difficulties;” and

4. That, according to an email dated 4 May 2017 from Reverend Jonathan P. Meyer to the undersigned, the circumstances that led to the closure of Saint Paul Parish and School (the conditions stated in numbers, one, two and three) still exist four years after the decree of Archbishop Tobin; and

Whereas I have concluded that the economic hardship of the deferred maintenance of the school building and gym, the decline in student enrollment, and the decrees of Archbishop Tobin dated 6 June 2013, constitute a just cause to support the closing of All Saints Catholic Academy (Kindergarten – 8th Grade);

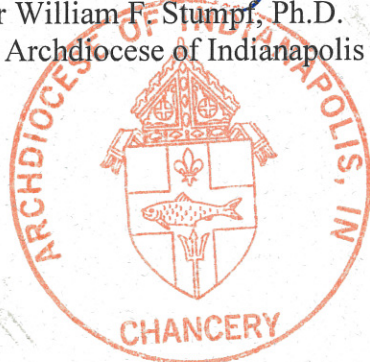
I, William F. Stumpf, in my capacity as Administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having in mind my responsibility to address the petition of the pastor of All Saints Catholic Parish in Dearborn County, Indiana, to close All Saints Catholic Academy, hereby decree:

1. All Saints Catholic Academy (Kindergarten – 8th Grade) shall be closed with the promulgation of this decree.
2. This decree is to be published to the pastor of All Saints Catholic Parish.
3. The parishioners of All Saints Catholic Parish 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 possible after its receipt by the pastor.
4. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.
5. Any appeal of this decree is to be made to the undersigned in writing within fourteen consecutive days (25 June 2017) from the date of this decree.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis this 10 June 2017.

William F. Stumpf

Reverend Monsignor William F. Stumpf, Ph.D.
Administrator of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis



Rev. Joseph M. Feltz
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