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DECREE

Whereas my predecessor, Archbishop Daniel Marcus Buechlein, O.S.B., had instituted a process to assess the pastoral needs of the parishes in the Batesville Deanery; and

Whereas as part of this process information concerning both the current condition of St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg, Indiana and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright, Indiana and the pastoral needs of the people of these parishes was made available to both the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and to myself as the Diocesan Bishop and Ordinary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and

Whereas the information concerning the condition of these parishes and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that the pastoral needs of these parishes could best be served by the parishes cooperating with regard to providing Catholic education to the children of the parishes, by coordinating mass and sacramental schedules, and by the parishes providing joint faith formation, vocations awareness and development, and evangelization programs; and

Whereas the Planning Commission accordingly advised that the two parishes should be designated as partnership parishes in order to achieve the goals listed in the paragraph above; and

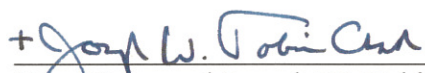
Whereas the Archdiocesan Management Council endorsed the plan to create a partnership between the two parishes;

I, Joseph William Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission and the Archdiocesan Management Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of the aforementioned parishes specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that, effective December 1, 2013, while St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish in Bright shall not be extinguished or in any other manner materially altered, the parishes are to be considered in partnership in that they are encouraged to coordinate times for the celebration of mass and the sacraments; to coordinate evangelization, religious education, and pastoral programs insofar as is possible; and to cooperate in all other ways that are advantageous to the spiritual wellbeing of the parishioners of the two parishes.

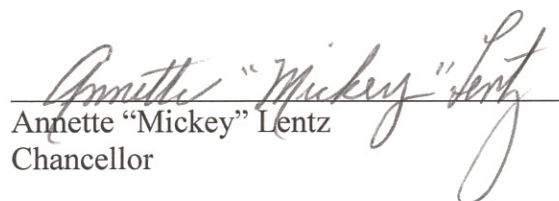
I further decree that this decree is to be published to the pastors of St. Lawrence Parish and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Parish, and that:

1. The parishioners of each parish are to be informed of this decree by their current pastors, and copies of this decree shall be maintained at each parish office and shall be made available for inspection and copying by interested parties.
2. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
3. This decree is to be posted to the website of the Archdiocese.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 6th day of June, 2013.



Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Indianapolis



Annette "Mickey" Lentz
Chancellor