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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. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg, Indiana, and the pastoral needs of the people of the parish 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 the parish and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- the parish has fewer than 200 registered households and fewer than 500 registered members;
- the parish has received only 15 adults into the Church through RCIA between 2002 and 2012;
- the parish reported that it shares a youth minister with St. Maurice Parish;
- the parish reported substantial coordination with St. Maurice Parish with regard to mass scheduling, shared ministries, and aspects of marriage preparation; and

Whereas the Planning Commission advised the extinctive union of St. John the Evangelist Parish and a parish to be comprised of the people and the territory of the currently existing parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Maurice;

Whereas I have today decreed, with the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and the Archdiocesan Management Council, that a new parish be erected in northern Decatur County, and that this new parish shall be comprised of the people and territory of the two currently existing parishes; and

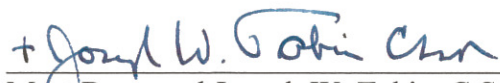
Whereas I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and sought its counsel concerning the manner in which the pastoral needs of the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish might best be addressed; and

Whereas the Presbyteral Council, after fully considering the issue, recommended by majority vote with a single abstention that St. John the Evangelist Parish be extinguished and its people become members of a new parish to be erected in northern Decatur County;

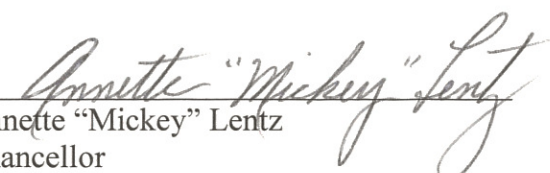
I, Joseph William Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, having considered the advice of the Archdiocesan Planning Commission, the Archdiocesan Management Council, and the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, and having in mind my responsibility to best meet the spiritual needs of the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg specifically and the spiritual needs of the Batesville Deanery and Archdiocese of Indianapolis generally, now hereby decree that:

1. St. John the Evangelist Parish of Enochsburg, Indiana is to be extinguished and its people unified into the parish erected in northern Decatur County on December 1, 2013 pursuant by my decree dated June 6, 2013.
2. The public juridical person of St. John the Evangelist Parish is to be extinguished on the same date.
3. Upon the extinction of St. John the Evangelist Parish and the unification of its people into the new parish erected in northern Decatur County, the civil corporation of St. John the Evangelist Parish shall immediately transfer all assets and liabilities of the corporation, whether legal or equitable, to the civil corporation of the newly erected parish.
4. Upon the transfer of such assets and liabilities, the civil corporation of St. John the Evangelist Parish shall take such actions at civil law as are necessary to dissolve itself.
5. This decree is to be published to the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish and to the person whom I shall appoint to be the pastor, administrator, or parish life coordinator of the newly erected parish.
6. The parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish are to be given notice of this decree upon its receipt by the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish and that copies of this decree are to be made available at the offices of St. John the Evangelist Parish.
7. This decree is to be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*.
8. 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