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Decree Amending the Jurisdiction of St. Benedict Parish of Terre Haute, Vigo County

Whereas, since 1970, nine parishes in the Terre Haute Deanery have been extinguished and their parishioners incorporated into other parishes in the process of extinctive unification, and

Whereas the last four of these extinctive unifications took place in the calendar years 2011 and 2012, and

Whereas these extinctive unions and demographic shifts in the Terre Haute Deanery have rendered the existing parish boundaries obsolete insofar as the boundaries no longer meet the pastoral needs of the Catholic people of the deanery, and

Whereas the aforementioned extinctive unions have accordingly made it necessary to amend the boundaries and jurisdiction of the existing parishes of the deanery, including St. Benedict Parish of Terre Haute, Vigo County, in order to more effectively meet the pastoral needs of the parishes and of the deanery as a whole, and

Whereas I have determined that it is to the advantage of the Catholic residents of Vigo County who are of German descent that there be a German national parish available for their spiritual advantage, and that accordingly the jurisdiction of St. Benedict Parish should be amended in order to ensure that the pastoral needs of the parishioners can be more effectively addressed, and

Whereas I have convened and consulted with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council concerning the question of the jurisdiction of St. Benedict Parish of Terre Haute, Vigo County pursuant to the requirements of canon law,

Therefore I now decree, upon the advice of the Presbyteral Council, that the parish jurisdiction of St. Benedict Parish of Terre Haute, Vigo County shall, from the effective date of this decree, be amended to include any Catholic resident of Vigo County who is of German descent and who wishes to be a member of the parish.

This decree shall become effective thirty days after its publication to the pastor of St. Benedict Parish of Terre Haute, Vigo County and to the dean, pastors, administrators, and parish life coordinators of the parishes of the Terre Haute Deanery.

The decree shall be published to the pastor of St. Benedict Parish and to the dean and to the pastors, administrators, and parish life coordinators of the parishes of the Terre Haute Deanery. The pastor of St. Benedict Parish shall notify the parishioners of the existence and the content of this decree immediately upon its receipt. Notice of this decree shall also be published in the Archdiocesan newspaper, *The Criterion*, while the text of this decree shall be published on the Archdiocesan web site.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Archdiocese on this 30th day of OCTOBER, 2013.

+ Joseph W. Tobin C.Ss.R.

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

Attest:

Annette "Mickey" Lentz

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