



DECREE

Relegating St. Joseph's Church to Profane but not Sordid Use *In Nomine Domini. Amen.*

Whereas St. Joseph's Church, Williams is a church subject to the Bishop of Crookston;

Whereas after inspection on 8 April 2025, PMA Companies has determined that St. Joseph's Church suffers from severe water and structural damage, and mold infestation that have rendered the Church uninhabitable;

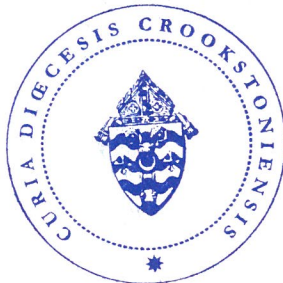
Whereas I have additionally had the church visited by the Director of Parish Planning, and discussed the matter with the Pastor, Rev. Christon Muhero, and other knowledgeable parties, which has confirmed the severe and irreparable damage;

Whereas I have ensured that the altar, sacred objects, and religious artifacts will be safeguarded;

Therefore, I hereby recognize the destruction of the Church of St. Joseph, located at 400 Park Ave NW, Williams, MN, and attest that it cannot be used in any way for divine worship, nor is there any possibility of repairing it. It thus loses its blessing, dedication, and consecration (c. 1212). The requirements of law having been fulfilled (cf. c. 1222 §1), I hereby relegate the Church of St. Joseph to profane but not sordid use, effective immediately.

This decree is to be published by means of the diocesan website. It may be challenged within the peremptory time limit of ten days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (cf. c. 1734).

†Most Rev. Andrew Cozzens
Bishop of Crookston



Given at the Chancery
this 9th day of June, 2025

Mrs. Janelle C. Gergen
Chancellor