



July 11, 2023

Mr. Dwain Hahs, Mayor
City of Jackson
101 Court St.
Jackson, MO 63755

RE: Agreement to Vacate Jefferson Street

Honorable Mayor Hahs,

On behalf of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau and Immaculate Conception Parish here in Jackson I am requesting an amendment to the Agreement to Vacate a portion of East Jefferson Street in Jackson, MO.

As you may know, we have been engaged in an extensive capital campaign to raise the funds necessary to build a new church. We have been very successful in this effort, despite significant challenges due to the Covid Pandemic that halted our efforts for over a year. We have currently raised \$8.7 million and are continuing to seek additional pledges that will bring us to the \$10.8 million estimated to be needed for the Phase I Church Building. We are confident we will be able to bridge the remaining gap in the coming weeks and months.

We are on a planned schedule to be able to begin construction by late 2024, with the possibility of an early site, demolition, and utilities package early next year. The 2018 agreement executed between the City and the Diocese had a time limit requiring construction to begin within 5 years. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and the extreme construction inflation that occurred since 2018, we have been delayed in reaching that goal.

Therefore, we wish to invoke paragraph two of the agreement and request at this time the City's approval to extend the agreement up to two years, setting a new expiration date of November 30, 2025.

Deacon Al Stoverink continues to serve as our coordinator for all aspects of this project. If you have any detailed questions feel free to contact him directly at 573-243-3182 (office) or 573-579-5948 (cell), or email icdeaconal@gmail.com. Please advise us of any particular process or schedule we need to follow and let us know if you have any concerns.

God Bless,

Reverend Randolph Tochtrop
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