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DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

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Righteous Job the Long-suffering
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MEMO

To: Rectors, Priests-in-Charge, Diocesan Council Members, and Auditors in the Diocese of the Midwest

Re: Special Diocesan Assembly (Tuesday, 9 May 2023, 7:30pm CT)

✠ **CHRIST IS RISEN!** ✠

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our Diocese has received a substantial offer on the property of the former Archangel Michael Church in Burbank, Illinois. As will be recalled, this parish—established in the South Side of Chicago in 1909 and moved to the southwest suburb of Burbank in 1983—finally closed its doors in late 2021. Moreover, after a short period at the vacant rectory of this property, the Archbishop’s Residence and the Diocesan Chancery were relocated to St George Cathedral in Chicago last fall. The property has been on the market and offers have been entertained, with the one currently under consideration particularly commending itself in order to reinvest this patrimony into mission.

The Diocesan Finance Committee readily undertook a review of the offer, and on 4 May 2023 informed His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, that it unanimously recommended that the Archbishop and the Diocesan Council convene a Special Diocesan Assembly for the purpose of selling the property in Burbank, as contemplated in the Diocesan Bylaws (cf. IX.B). His Eminence immediately called for a consultative vote of the Diocesan Council, which on 6 May 2023 unanimously consented to the convocation of said Special Diocesan Assembly, and according to the Diocesan Bylaws (cf. VI.E), fixed the agenda to include one sole item: to accept the offer under consideration and approve the sale of the Burbank property by the Diocesan Authority.

Therefore, in accordance with my statutory responsibility as Diocesan Secretary (cf. Diocesan Bylaws, IV.4.ab), I hereby announce that His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel, with the consent of the Diocesan Council, convokes a **Special Diocesan Assembly** to

meet on **Tuesday, 9 May 2023**, at 7:30pm CT (8:30pm ET). Since this coincides with our annual **Diocesan Clergy Convocation**, the Special Assembly will take place in a hybrid format: on site in Darien, Illinois, for the voting clergy delegates attending the convocation, and via Zoom for voting clergy and lay delegates elsewhere.

I. Agenda

The sole agenda item for this Special Diocesan Assembly is a “Yes” or “No” vote on the recommendation of the Diocesan Finance Council to accept the offer on the table and move forward with the sale of the Burbank property, as required by the Diocesan Bylaws. The supporting materials—i.e., the text of the recommendation and the offer—are attached to this document.

II. Registration

There is no registration cost for this Special Diocesan Assembly. Parish rectors and priests-in-charge are asked to register by entering their parish name and location, clergy delegate(s)’ name and email address, and lay delegate(s)’ name and email address through this form **no later** than Tuesday, 9 May 2023, at 4:00pm CT (5:00pm ET):

<https://forms.gle/ytXqMVhTv3txBCPGA>

III. Delegates

Clergy Delegates: Each **assigned** clergyman at a parish is a voting delegate. With Archbishop Daniel’s blessing, priests-in-charge can represent parishes without a rector (cf. Diocesan Bylaws, V.A.4).

Lay Delegates: Each parish will have as many lay delegates as it has clergy delegates (i.e., 1 lay delegate for each clergy delegate). This is the delegate (or delegates) chosen at the parish’s most recent annual meeting. If no delegate was elected, or if additional delegates are needed, Archbishop Daniel blesses rectors and their parish council to select a delegate to represent the parish at this Special Diocesan Assembly.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact Fr Esteban Vázquez at the Chancery for assistance: chancery@domoca.org.

In Christ,

Archpriest Herman Kincaid
Diocesan Secretary