

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST**  
**Carmelite Retreat Center, Darien, Illinois and via Zoom Virtual Link • 09 May 2023**

**I. Opening.**

- A. The Assembly opened with the singing of “Christ is Risen” at 7:29pm. Archbishop DANIEL called the assembly to order.
- B. Attendance: 80 total delegates present.

**II. Opening Remarks.**

- A. His Eminence reminded delegates of the mandate for such an assembly convening. His Eminence gave a history of the offers on the former Archangel Michael Church property in Burbank, Illinois. Proposals were reviewed by the Finance Committee, who offers the following:

Text of the Recommendation:

WHEREAS, the parish of Archangel Michael in Burbank, IL voted in October 2021 to close and sell its real property bearing the Parcel ID Numbers 19-33-401-001 and 19-33-401-092 (“Property”);

WHEREAS, Archbishop Paul ratified the dissolution of the parish (November 12, 2021, Diocesan Letter No. 149) pursuant to the Diocesan Bylaws, Article IX.D.;

WHEREAS, Archbishop Paul elected to relocate his episcopal residence and chancery offices to the Property from Christ the Savior Church in Chicago, IL in lieu of selling the Property as contemplated by the Diocesan Bylaws, Article IX.D.;

WHEREAS, title to the Property will be transferred to the Diocese in a timely manner; (Note, Title has not been transferred and is currently being worked on)

WHEREAS, Archbishop Daniel has elected to relocate his episcopal residence and chancery offices to St. George Cathedral in Chicago, IL; and

WHEREAS, the Diocese no longer uses the Property.

The finance committee of the Diocese RECOMMENDS to the Diocesan Council that it move the Diocesan Assembly to authorize the Diocesan Authority to sell the Property in accordance with Article IX.B of the Diocesan Bylaws and distribute the proceeds from the sale in accordance with Article IX.D of the Diocesan Bylaws.

**III. Motion.**

- A. Archbishop DANIEL blessed voting on the resolution offered by the Finance Committee. 45 voting clergy delegates were present at Elijah Hall in the Carmelite Spiritual Center, and 35 voting clergy and lay delegates were present via Zoom, for a total of 80 voting delegates. There were 75 "yes" votes (42 in person, 33 via Zoom), 1 "no" vote (via Zoom), and 4 abstentions (3 in person, 1 via Zoom). As 2/3 of 80 is 53, the sale was duly authorized in accordance with the statute.

**IV. Adjournment.**

- A. There being no further business, the special assembly was adjourned at 7:38pm with the singing of “Shine, shine”.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Archpriest Herman Kincaid, Diocesan Secretary*