

# Office of the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary

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**by the grace of God and the favour of the Apostolic See  
BISHOP OF CALGARY**

## **DECREE OF RELEGATION OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH OF LETHBRIDGE , ALBERTA, TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE**

Due to the lack of the necessary requirements of the modern parishes along with inadequate buildings and insufficient clergy, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of St Patrick's Church to profane but not sordid use.

The following grave causes suggest that the church be so relegated and no longer be used for divine worship:

The three churches that now comprise All Saints parish were all built in the 1950's. They were adequate as buildings where the sacraments were offered; they were not built to meet the needs of a modern parish where education and religious formation could be offered to parishioners.

The churches were built in close proximity to each other because most parishioners walked to church and therefore there was no need to supply parking areas which are now a necessity as almost all parishioners drive a vehicle to church.

The three churches were built to accommodate smaller congregations. The number of Sunday Masses being offered in each church was reasonable. With the larger size of the present congregation, a larger church facility is required. A new church is the only viable way to meet the needs of the elderly and handicapped parishioners.

The number of priests available to serve these churches was 6 with 5 other priests in a teaching ministry who were available in case of necessity. The number of priests available today is 2 with 1 priest in hospital ministry who could be available in case of necessity.

The financial expenses to maintain three older churches, three rectories, two of which were poorly-built, and only one parish hall, are excessive when compared to maintain one church with the necessary facilities for meetings and programs along with one rectory.

The financial requirements to build a larger church necessitates the selling of the three present church sites. It is impossible to finance such a building without this action. With the sale of these three sites the finances for building the new church is assured.

The church building does not have any historical significance as it was only built in 1952. The stain glass windows and the marble altars would be preserved and used in the new building.

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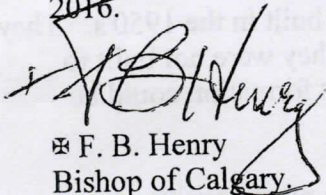
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Pending the opening of the new church provisions for divine worship is provided in the other two churches.

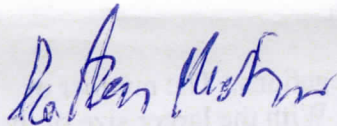
Accordingly, in virtue of the prescripts of canon 1212 and canon 1222 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, having judged that sufficient grave causes are present and that the good of souls will not be thereby impaired and having consulted with the Council of Priests, I hereby **DECREE** that St Patrick's Church, Lethbridge, Alberta be relegated to profane but not sordid use.

This decree is effective as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and is to be communicated to the members of All saints Parish and to the faithful of the Diocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Diocese of Calgary on the first day of October, in the year of Our Lord, 2016.



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