

HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REVEREND JOHN M. LEVOIR
By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF NEW ULM

**DECREE OF DECONSECRATION AND REDUCTION OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. MARY IN SEAFORTH, MINNESOTA**

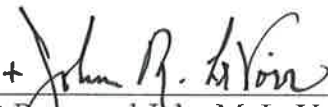
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1. Having carefully considered the law and the facts; and
2. Having consulted and heard the Presbyteral Council on December 3, 2019; and
3. Having heard on October 29, 2019 the Reverend Pastor and members of the Parish of St. Mary, in whose territory the aforesaid property is situated; and
4. Having ensured that the altar, sacred objects and religious artifacts have been removed from the church; and
5. Having provided that the good of souls will suffer no unnecessary detriment, that is, the spiritual and pastoral care of the parishioners who formerly worshipped at St. Mary's Church in Seaforth is now being provided by the Parish of St. Anne in Wabasso, Minnesota;

I, the undersigned Bishop of New Ulm do hereby decree that the parish church of St. Mary, located at 305 Oak Street, in Seaforth, Minnesota, is no longer a sacred place for divine worship. It has herewith lost its blessing, dedication, and consecration. It can no longer be used for divine worship, in anticipation of its sale in accord with the provisions of the Law. It is hereto relegated to profane but not sordid use, in accord with canon 1222 § 2 of the *Code of Canon Law*.

This decree is to be communicated to the Reverend Pastor of the Parish of St. Anne in Wabasso, who is the canonical representative of the parish, according to the norm of law found in canon 532.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of New Ulm, on June 19, 2020.


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Most Reverend John M. LeVoi
Bishop of New Ulm



Msgr. Eugene L. Jozinski, JCL
Chancellor