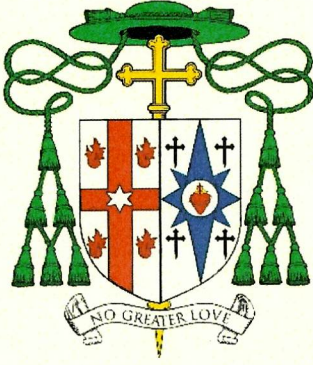




DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

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HIS EXCELENCY
MOST REVEREND ROBERT D. GRUSS
By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

Rev. Nicholas F. Coffaro, Pastor
Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish
1503 Kosciuszko Ave
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Re: Notification of the Decision of the Dicastery for the Clergy

Dear Father Nicolas Coffaro,

I write to inform you that the Diocese has received the decision of the Dicastery for the Clergy concerning the hierarchical recourse of a parishioner presented against the decree issued by me, the bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw, dated May 2, 2025, by which the Church of St. Hyacinth was reduced to profane but not sordid use in accordance with canon 1222 §2 of the Code of Canon Law. Procedurally, “the Dicastery finds that the Ordinary acted in accord with the law.”

After examination of the matter, “In accord with CIC can. 1739, the Dicastery hereby Confirms the decrees of the Bishop of Saginaw, which reduced the Church of Saint Hyacinth in Bay City to profane but not sordid use, since the petition of the Recurrent has no merit either in *procedendo* or in *decernendo*. Therefore, the original decree issued by me remains in force.

As you are aware, the decree was executed on May 2, 2025. The decision of the Dicastery for the Clergy does not constitute a new decree but confirms the validity and continued effect of the original episcopal decree. The Dicastery for the Clergy further indicated:

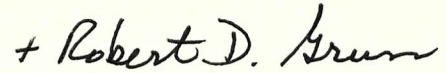
“Recourse against this decree may be made before the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura within the peremptory time limit established by Article 34 §1 of the Apostolic Letter *Motu Proprio Antiqua Ordinationes*, namely, within sixty (60) useful days from notification of the decree.”

Accordingly, the provisions of the original decree remain effective, and the parish should continue to proceed in accordance with the decree issued by me.

A copy of the decision of the Dicastery for the Clergy is enclosed for your records and for preservation in the parish files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued pastoral service.

Given on this twelfth day of August in the year of Our Lord 2026, at the Chancery of the Diocese of Saginaw.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "+ Robert D. Gruss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Saginaw