



DIocese OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 28, 2025

Reverend Juan Carlos Ruiz, O.F.M.
Saint Isidore The Farmer Parish
19812 East 1000th Avenue
Dieterich, Illinois 62424

Dear Father Ruiz,

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 15, 2025, requesting permission to contract with Grace Philanthropy Services of Church Hill, Tennessee, in the amount of \$50,000.00, plus expenses, to conduct the Centennial Campaign to generate funding to undertake the transformation of St. Aloysius Church and Saint Joseph Parish Hall. I understand the feasibility study conducted by Grace Philanthropy Services is complete, and your Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Campaign Committee support the undertaking of this five-month Centennial Campaign. I note that the goal of this campaign is \$1 million dollars with a \$1.5 million challenge goal.

I grant permission to contract with Grace Philanthropy Services of Church Hill, Tennessee, in the amount of \$50,000.00 to conduct the Centennial Campaign to generate \$1 million dollars to undertake the transformation of St. Aloysius Church and Saint Joseph Parish Hall pending receipt and approval of the Certificate of Insurance by the Office for Insurance for the project. **Please note that if the project exceeds the approved amount by more than 5%, you will need to notify the Office for Property, Buildings and Cemeteries who will determine if additional approvals are necessary based on Diocesan Approval Guidelines.** The Office for Insurance will contact you once they have approved the contractor's coverage or in the event that the coverage is inadequate. **Please note that the contractor cannot start the job until you receive notice of approval for the Certificate of Insurance.**

Please continue to work with Mr. Anthony Swingle who will assist you in following the Diocesan Approval Procedures for each of the respective projects.

With every best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

CC: Reverend Monsignor David Hoefler, Vicar General
Mr. Patrick Ketchum, Director, Insurance and Benefit Services
Mr. Mark Brummer, Director, Finance and Parish Support Services
Mrs. Katie Price, Director, Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Mr. Anthony Swingle, Director, Office for Buildings, Properties and Cemeteries