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Sandy DeCoursey

(Via email: stjosephcenter@gmail.com)

Executive Director, St. Joseph Center of Arkansas
6800 Camp Robinson Road
North Little Rock, AR 72118

Dear Sandy,

Please find attached a copy of my message released today regarding the future use of the property of the former St. Joseph orphanage. You will see that we will be establishing our College Seminary on that site, which will include use of the full 63 acres of the property.

By this message I inform you that, per the termination provisions in paragraph 2 of the current month-to-month lease, I am terminating that lease effective January 31, 2026. This will give the St. Joseph Center of Arkansas 6 months to vacate the property (including relocation of your crops, the cattle, and other property belonging to SJCA) and make other arrangements for the future of SJCA. The current month-to-month lease will automatically renew between now and January 31, 2026, when it shall terminate.

I am putting this in writing so that there will be no misunderstanding. It goes without saying that I know this news will be upsetting and disappointing to you and to many who have given so much to this property over the last 15 years. But the driving intent behind the original arrangement with SJCA was to see the building preserved and improved, rather than other activities that have developed on the property, as positive and beneficial as they may be. Now that that historic building is not salvageable, I have an obligation to the people of the Diocese to move forward with this property in a direction that benefits our entire Diocese. I thank you and SJCA for all the good work accomplished through the years, and I wish you all the best in your efforts to relocate your operations for a productive future going forward.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock