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EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

On motion of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mrs. Mones, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION SBPC #2420-11-24

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST REVEREND GREGORY MICHAEL AYMOND, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS, TO INTERVENE IN THE PLANNING PROCESS TO GRANT AMPLE TIME TO DEVISE AND COMPLETE A SUSTAINABILITY/GROWTH PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Catholic Church was established as an ecclesiastical/church parish in 1785 under the pastorate of Friar Mariano de Brunete and has ministered to the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for two hundred thirty-nine (239) years; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Catholic Church was the first church parish established downriver from New Orleans on both the east and west banks of the Mississippi River, serving spiritual necessities of colonists from the Canary Islands who founded St. Bernard Parish, in addition to Enslaved Africans, Free People of Color, Filipinos, Native American indigenous people and other Western European settlers; and,

WHEREAS, St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery, established in 1787, directly opposite and adjacent to St. Bernard Catholic Church facing Bayou Terre-aux-Boeufs, is the burial place of the 18th century inhabitants of the region who founded St. Bernard Civil Parish; and,

WHEREAS, veterans of the American Revolution (Galvez Expedition, 1779-1781), the War of 1812 (Battle of New Orleans, 1814-1815), Mexican American War, American Civil War, Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, The Korean Conflict, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm and other recent conflicts are buried in St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery; and,



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WHEREAS, the representative of the Archdiocese of New Orleans responsible for coordinating efforts to develop a plan for sustainability and future growth of St. Bernard Catholic Church has imposed an unreasonably short timeline for the development of this critical plan, and that the development period of about three months, October – December 2024, is prejudicial to the interests of the Catholic faithful of St. Bernard Catholic Church, a traditionally underserved community; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that the intent of this process on part of the Archdiocese of New Orleans is to suppress/close St. Bernard Catholic Church and convert the Church into a mission of another Catholic church in St. Bernard Civil Parish rather than assisting parishioners in their efforts to remedy deficiencies as identified by the planning representative of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, the governing authority, does hereby respectfully request His Excellency The Most Reverend Gregory Michael Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans, to intervene in the planning process to grant ample time to devise and complete a sustainability/growth plan for the future of St. Bernard Catholic Church, and to halt the suppression/closure of St. Bernard Catholic Church, an action which would further compromise the quality of life in this civil parish by discarding the first spiritual home of the Catholic faithful downriver from New Orleans.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Moran, Meyer, Randall, Mones, McCloskey

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Cusimano

The Council Chair, Mr. Everhardt, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 6th day of November, 2024.



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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
this 6th day of November, 2024.

ROXANNE ADAMS
CLERK OF COUNCIL