



St. Malachi Parish

PARISH COLLABORATION



St. Patrick Parish

9 May 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Attached is the official **Decree** from Bishop Edward Malesic regarding the designation of the Saint Malachi Church building as an oratory. You may recall that the bishop's first decree (March 2025) had stated that this particular decree would follow at this time.

As with any legal decree, the language is technical and precise. After carefully reviewing it, I am reassured that the work undertaken by our Implementation Teams aligns in every way with that of the bishop's decree. In other words, we continue with our implementation plans as scheduled. We are now one parish blessed with an oratory!

While the official work of the Implementation Teams comes to a conclusion, effective 10 May 2025, the new joint Parish and Finance Councils, along with the Commissions, are currently being formed and will take effect 1 July 2025.

With gratitude for the nearly sixty parishioners from both parishes who have sacrificed their time to help identify our needs and to help recommend ways to address them, I am confident that our success will continue as we welcome others in the work which lies ahead.

I also extend my personal gratitude to Bishop Malesic for recognizing the care and devotion our parishioners are putting into this Collaboration while also recognizing those who have come before us. Realizing that change can be difficult, I do thank everyone for your patience as we carefully reflect on what has been heard, what is being recommended, and decisions that may require personal adjustment.

May Our Blessed Mother, St. Malachi and St. Patrick continue to intercede for us!

In Christ the Good Shepherd,

Rev. Michael K. Gurnick
Pastor