

Diocese of Jefferson City

THE MOST REVEREND W. SHAWN MCKNIGHT, S.T.D.



Resolution

Whereas, the Diocese of Jefferson City proudly wishes to recognize Saint Peter Church, Jefferson City, Missouri, which is celebrating its Anniversary of Dedication on August 12, 2023; and

Whereas, in 1882 and 1883, Monsignor Otto J. Hoog, together with many local families, most notably the Binder and Dulle households, were instrumental in constructing this third gothic church; and

Whereas, on February 2, 1883, Monsignor Hoog celebrated the First Mass in the newly finished church; and

Whereas, one hundred forty years ago, on August 12, 1883, Coadjutor-Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan of St. Louis solemnly dedicated Saint Peter Church; and

Whereas, Saint Peter Church was the first cathedral of the diocese from August 24, 1956 until the opening of the new Cathedral of St. Joseph on December 25, 1968; and

Whereas, Father Jeremy A. Secrist, Pastor of Saint Peter Church, and parishioners have been most dedicated to keeping this house of God both beautiful and worthy of its sacred nature while holding true to its significance to the downtown community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations to all the clergy and laity on this special anniversary event and declare that Saint Peter's Church shall now be known as the "Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter" in the Diocese of Jefferson City; and

Be it further resolved that our Chancellor prepare a copy of this resolution in recognition of this title and file it accordingly in the official archives.

Given on this 10th day of August in the Year of our Lord, 2023.

Most Reverend W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City

Mr. Benjamin Roodhouse, J.C.L.
Chancellor