

## **Save Our Beloved Parish, Saint Benedict**

In Spring 2024, the Diocese of Buffalo issued a recommendation to close Saint Benedict Church. Many parishioners became actively engaged in the diocesan planning process and presented a counter-proposal to the Bishop. After our counter-proposal was received, the diocesan recommendation was modified: Saint Benedict Parish would be merged into Saint Leo Parish, and Saint Benedict would become a “secondary worship site.”

On December 22, 2024, we were informed of the decree to downgrade us to a secondary worship site and merge the two parishes, perpetually extinguishing the flame of faith that Saint Benedict Parish has been for more than 100 years. We can't abide this decision and have decided to fight it using the process provided in the Code of Canon Law.

For many reasons, Saint Benedict must be maintained as its own parish. With your support, I, Nandor Forgach, have volunteered as a parishioner to lead the efforts by which we will fight to preserve Saint Benedict Parish for the good of the Church and the world in our local community.

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As an adult member of the Christian faithful of Saint Benedict Parish, Amherst, New York, I oppose any intention or action by ecclesiastical authority to substantially alter or extinguish Saint Benedict Parish. So that my intentions will be properly communicated to ecclesiastical authority in opposing the Bishop's merger of Saint Benedict Parish into Saint Leo Parish, also in Amherst, New York, I name Nandor Forgach as my representative. I authorize him as the volunteer leader of the effort to save Saint Benedict Parish to advance my interests in ecclesiastical administrative or judicial processes in accord with canon law (cf. canons 1738, 1481ff). He may communicate or receive notifications on my behalf, appoint a substitute for himself, appoint a canonical advocate, and renounce an action by making a deal (settlement) with ecclesiastical authority. My agreement to the above is signified by my signature.

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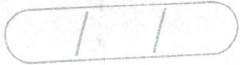
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