

Proclamation

WHEREAS, HOLY FAMILY PARISH WAS ESTABLISHED ON AUGUST 1, 2023, THROUGH THE UNION OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH AND ST. DAVID PARISH AS PART OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS' ALL THINGS NEW INITIATIVE; AND

WHEREAS, GENERATIONS OF PARISHIONERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL, AND CIVIC LIFE OF THE ARNOLD COMMUNITY THROUGH WORSHIP, SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP, AND CATHOLIC EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH AND ST. DAVID PARISH SHARED A LONG HISTORY OF COOPERATION, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOLY CHILD SCHOOL IN 1988, WHICH CONTINUES TODAY AS HOLY FAMILY PARISH SCHOOL AND PROVIDES FAITH-BASED EDUCATION TO CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE; AND

WHEREAS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR REVEREND GERALD BLESSING, PARISHIONERS FROM BOTH FORMER PARISHES HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO UNITE THEIR MINISTRIES, TRADITIONS, RESOURCES, AND VISION AS ONE FAITH COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING TORNADO OF MARCH 14, 2025, WHICH RENDERED THE HISTORIC CHURCH UNUSABLE, HOLY FAMILY PARISH RESPONDED WITH FAITH, COURAGE, AND DETERMINATION BY UNDERTAKING A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SPIRITUAL HOME FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS; AND

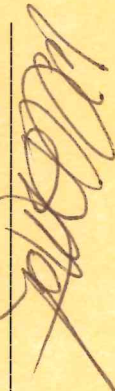
WHEREAS, THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2026, MARKS A HISTORIC NEW CHAPTER FOR HOLY FAMILY PARISH AND WILL INCLUDE ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI, PARISH AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, A CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING PRESENTATION, A SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND THE UNVEILING OF THE FINAL ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS AND FLOOR PLANS; AND

WHEREAS, THIS NEW CHURCH WILL STAND AS A LASTING SYMBOL OF UNITY, RESILIENCE, HOPE, AND THE PARISH'S CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE PEOPLE OF ARNOLD AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM A. MORITZ, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI, ON BEHALF OF THE ARNOLD CITY COUNCIL AND OUR RESIDENTS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 12, 2026, AS **HOLY FAMILY PARISH GROUNDBREAKING DAY** IN THE CITY OF ARNOLD AND EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO REVEREND GERALD BLESSING, THE PARISH AND SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, AND ALL MEMBERS OF HOLY FAMILY PARISH ON THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION. WE OFFER OUR SINCERE WISHES AS THEY BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CHURCH THAT WILL SERVE AS A PLACE OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ARNOLD, MISSOURI, TO BE AFFIXED THIS 12TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.




MAYOR WILLIAM A. MORITZ