



MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR  
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

**D E C R E E**

*In Nomine Domini. Amen.*

I, the undersigned Archbishop of Hartford, decree that the chapel in the former convent at 47 John Street, Waterbury, located within the territory of the Parish of Saint Blaise in Waterbury, at Saint Joseph Church, is hereby turned over permanently to profane use according to the provisions of Can. 1212.

After careful consideration of the pastoral and financial needs of Saint Blaise Parish, it was determined that the chapel in the former convent, which is not currently used as a chapel, will be used as classroom space.

Therefore, having carefully followed the provisions set forth in Can. 1212 and having determined with moral certitude that the care of souls would suffer no detriment, I declare that this decree has immediate effect and that, by virtue of same, the chapel located at the former convent at 47 John Street in Waterbury is no longer a sacred place and has by this decree lost its dedication or blessing. In addition, I order that any sacred furnishings and artwork be disposed of in a manner befitting their character and the known intentions of any donor. Furthermore, in addition to the usual requirements of law for *valid and licit* leasing by the parish of the property concerned, the lease of the convent is subject to my approval of its being consonant with the requirements of Can. 1297 & USSCB *Complementary Norm - Leasing of Church Property* (Can. 1297).

Any proposed recourse against this decree is to be made in writing to my office not more than ten (10) useful days from certain notification of this decree.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Hartford, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford

  
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Reverend Ryan M. Lerner  
Chancellor