



St. Malachi Parish

PARISH COLLABORATION



St. Patrick Parish

6 September 2024

The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic
Bishop of Cleveland
1404 E. 9th Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Bishop Malesic,

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Malachi, I present to you our formal request to proceed with your vision of changing St. Malachi Parish to an oratory with sponsorship provided through St. Patrick Parish.

Since the time of your announcement in July 2023, both parishes have been working closely together to create a vision going forward. The packet accompanying this letter demonstrates the fruits of our efforts in creating a clear process with sufficient opportunities for all parishioners to be kept informed of the progress and to offer feedback for the various areas of concern.

While we have much more to do, it is my hope – and the hope of the Collaboration Steering Committee members – that we have ascertained enough information for you to make a formal decree to change the status of St. Malachi from a territorial parish to an oratory with sponsorship through St. Patrick Parish, Bridge Avenue.

I thank you for allowing us the necessary time to experience this thorough process and to address the many concerns (as well as identifying the emerging vision) of this collaboration initiative between St. Patrick and St. Malachi. With Patricia Masterson and Stephanie Williams, Collaboration Steering Committee Co-Chairs, I look forward to our meeting with you on 18 September 2024 at 2:45pm.

May Christ Our Good Shepherd continue to bless you and your ministry to our local Church.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael K. Gurnick
Pastor, St. Patrick
Administrator, St. Malachi

Cc: Fr. Oleksiak
Fr. Yanus
CSC Membership & Parishioners