

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

HOLY TRINITY PARISH, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

**INTO SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH,
PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA**

Holy Trinity Parish was founded in the Borough of Phoenixville in 1903 to serve Polish speaking people in Phoenixville and vicinity. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge this parish with the neighboring territorial Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville was studied and discussed with committees from both parishes and with the appropriate Archdiocesan offices. Throughout this process, sufficient information regarding the proposal was gathered, and sufficient consultation was conducted with the members of Holy Trinity Parish and Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Holy Trinity Parish be merged into Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Holy Trinity Parish which has declined in population over the years and no longer serves a predominately Polish speaking community;
- 2) to assure the vitality of parish life for Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish;
- 3) to provide for a better stewardship of resources; and,
- 4) to provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay personnel.

Accordingly, in virtue of the prescriptions of canon 122 of the Code of Canon Law, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired, and having consulted the Council of Priests in accord with canon 515, §2, I hereby **DECREE** that Holy Trinity Parish, Phoenixville a be merged into Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Phoenixville.

Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish will become members of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish. They may also have the option of joining another Polish personal parish or, if they live outside of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, the territorial parish in which they live.

The rich legacy and history of Holy Trinity Parish is to be promoted and honored. Together, all of the parishioners are encouraged to unite the newly merged parish through union with Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The intention or will of donors, as well as any acquired rights, have been examined and taken into consideration, especially regarding the allocation of goods and the obligation of debts. The goods of Holy Trinity Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in accord with canon 122.

Holy Trinity Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish. The sacramental registers of Holy Trinity Parish shall be preserved at Saint Mary of the Assumption Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2012, prior to which it is to be communicated to the parishioners and to the Faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on the first day of June, in the Year of Our Lord 2012.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

SEAL

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure
Chancellor

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SACRED HEART PARISH, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

INTO SAINT ANN PARISH, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

Sacred Heart Parish was founded in the Borough of Phoenixville in 1900 to serve Slovak speaking people in Phoenixville and vicinity. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge this parish with the neighboring territorial Saint Ann Parish, Phoenixville was studied and discussed with committees from both parishes and with the appropriate Archdiocesan offices. Throughout this process, sufficient information regarding the proposal was gathered, and sufficient consultation was conducted with the members of Sacred Heart Parish and Saint Ann Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Sacred Heart Parish be merged into Saint Ann Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Sacred Heart Parish which has declined in population over the years and no longer serves a predominately Slovak speaking community;
- 2) to assure the vitality of parish life for Saint Ann Parish;
- 3) to provide for a better stewardship of resources; and,
- 4) to provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay personnel.

Accordingly, in virtue of the prescriptions of canon 122 of the Code of Canon Law, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired, and having consulted the Council of Priests in accord with canon 515, §2, I hereby **DECREE** that Sacred Heart Parish, Phoenixville a be merged into Saint Ann Parish, Phoenixville.

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish will become members of Saint Ann Parish. They may also have the option of joining another Slovak personal parish or, if they live outside of Saint Ann Parish, the territorial parish in which they live.

The rich legacy and history of Sacred Heart Parish is to be promoted and honored. Together, all of the parishioners are encouraged to unite the newly merged parish through union with Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The intention or will of donors, as well as any acquired rights, have been examined and taken into consideration, especially regarding the allocation of goods and the obligation of debts. The goods of Sacred Heart Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Saint Ann Parish in accord with canon 122.

Sacred Heart Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Ann Parish. The sacramental registers of Sacred Heart Parish shall be preserved at Saint Ann Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2012, prior to which it is to be communicated to the parishioners and to the Faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on the first day of June, in the Year of Our Lord 2012.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M.Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

SEAL

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Measure
Chancellor