

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT HUGH OF CLUNY PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT VERONICA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1922. Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1872. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish into the neighboring Saint Veronica Parish was studied and discussed with committees from both of the parishes and with the appropriate archdiocesan offices. Throughout this process, sufficient information regarding the proposal was gathered, and consultation was conducted with members of Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish and Saint Veronica Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish be merged into Saint Veronica Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish and Saint Veronica Parish;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Hugh of Cluny and Saint Veronica Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties in the parishes and to provide for a better stewardship of resources; and,
- 4) to provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay personnel.

Accordingly, 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** an extinctive union by which Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Saint Veronica Parish are hereby altered to encompass the territories of both Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish and Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Saint Veronica Parish.

Saint Hugh of Cluny Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Veronica Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish shall be preserved at Saint Veronica Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of January 27, 2013, 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 2nd day of January in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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