



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
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## **DECREE**

### **OF THE MERGER OF**

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, ROSLYN, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**WITH**

**QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, ARDSLEY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Saint John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn, Pennsylvania was founded in 1953. Queen of Peace Parish, Ardsley, Pennsylvania was founded in 1954. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint John of the Cross Parish into the neighboring Queen of Peace 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 John of the Cross Parish and Queen of Peace Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint John of the Cross Parish be merged into Queen of Peace Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint John of the Cross Parish which has declined in population in recent years;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint John of the Cross and Queen of Peace Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Queen of Peace Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited to serve the needs of the parish, and,
- 5) 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 John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn, Pennsylvania will be merged into Queen of Peace Parish, Ardsley, Pennsylvania. Queen of Peace Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

The boundaries of Queen of Peace Parish are hereby altered to the following:

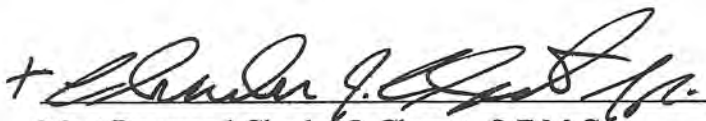
Old Welsh Rd. from air line from PA Turnpike to Reading R.R. (Hatboro Division); to Easton Rd.; to N Tyson Ave.; to Bradfield Rd.; to Reading R.R.; to Jenkintown Rd.; to Edge Hill Rd. (both sides); to Mount Carmel Ave.; to North Hills Ave.; to Reading R.R.; to Mill Rd.; to Manor Place (both sides); to Garden Rd.; to Wischman Ave.; to Twining Rd.; thence by air line to the junction of Camp Hill Rd. and the PA Turnpike; along PA Turnpike then to air line to Old Welsh Rd.

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 John of the Cross Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Queen of Peace Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint John of the Cross Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint John of the Cross Church will remain open for worship as a part of Queen of Peace Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint John of the Cross Parish shall be preserved at Queen of Peace Rectory.

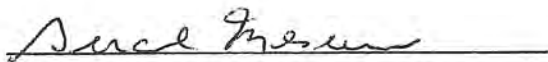
This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2014, prior to which it is to be communicated to the parishioners and to the Faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2014.



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

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