



Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
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## **DECREE**

### **OF THE MERGER OF**

**SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, FALLSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**WITH**

**SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH, FAIRLESS HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA**

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Fallsington, Pennsylvania was founded in 1956. Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania was founded in 1953. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Joseph the Worker Parish into the neighboring Saint Frances Cabrini 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 Joseph the Worker Parish and Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Joseph the Worker Parish be merged into Saint Frances Cabrini Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of the parishes both of which have declined in population in recent years;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Joseph the Worker and Saint Frances Cabrini Parishes;
- 3) to address financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Saint Francis Cabrini Church as the seat of the parish as the site which will best 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 Joseph the Worker Parish, Fallsington, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. Saint Frances Cabrini Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

The boundaries of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish are hereby altered to the following:

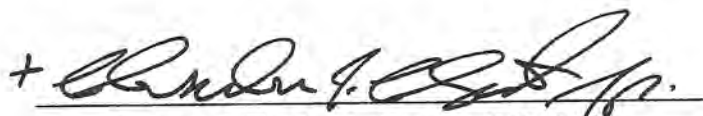
Rt. 13 from Penn-Central R.R. to Mill Creek Rd. (excluded); to North Turn La.; to North Park Dr.; to North Park Way; to Penn Valley Rd.; to New Falls Rd.; to Woodbourne Rd.; to Oxford Valley Rd.; to Penn-Central R.R.; to Rt. 13.

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 Joseph the Worker Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Joseph the Worker Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish shall be preserved at Saint Frances Cabrini Rectory.

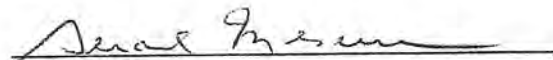
This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2014, prior to which it is to be communicated to the parishioners and to the Faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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.

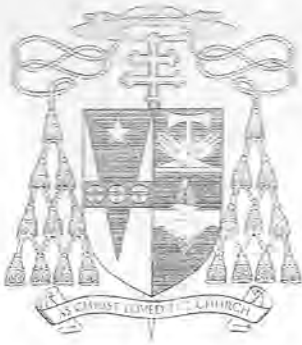
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## **DECREE**

### **OF THE MERGER OF**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,  
LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**WITH**

**QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE PARISH, LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania was founded in 1956. Queen of the Universe Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania was founded in 1953. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish into the neighboring Queen of the Universe 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 Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish and Queen of the Universe Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish be merged into Queen of the Universe Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Immaculate Conception, B.V.M. 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 Immaculate Conception B.V.M. and Queen of the Universe Parishes;
- 3) to utilize Queen of the Universe Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited to serve the needs of the parish,
- 4) to address financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources; 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 Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania will be merged into Queen of the Universe Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania. Queen of the Universe Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

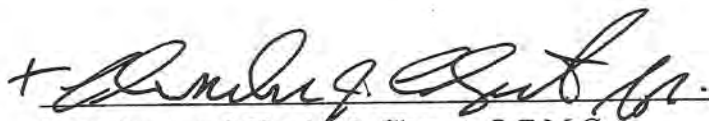
Oxford Valley Rd. from Penn-Central R.R. to Woodbourne Rd.; to Edgely Rd.; to Philadelphia Electric Power line; to PA Turnpike; to Durham Rd.; to Newportville-Fallsington Rd.; to Rt. 413 (extended to Reading R.R.); to Penn-Central R.R.; to Oxford Valley Rd.

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 Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Queen of the Universe Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish are to be promoted and honored. Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Church will remain open for worship as a part of Queen of the Universe Parish. The sacramental registers of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish shall be preserved at Queen of the Universe Rectory.

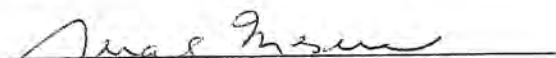
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