



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1299

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT EDMOND PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT MONICA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Edmond Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1912. Saint Monica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1895. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Edmond Parish into the neighboring Saint Monica 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 Edmond Parish and Saint Monica Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Edmond Parish be merged into Saint Monica Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Edmond 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 Edmond and Saint Monica Parishes;
- 3) to address financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Saint Monica Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited in size and location 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 Edmond Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Monica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Saint Monica Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

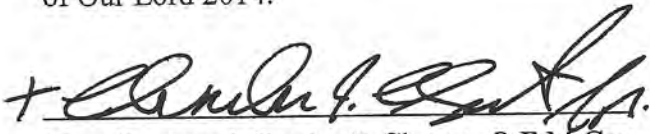
21st St. from Tasker St. to Moore St.; to 20th St.; McKean St. (south side); to Broad St. (west side); to Oregon Ave. (north side); then air line to Schuylkill River; then air line to McKean St.; to 25th St.; to Tasker St.; to 21st St.

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 Edmond Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Monica Parish.

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

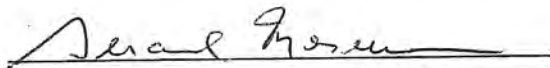
This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2014, prior to which it is to be communicated to the parishioners and to the Faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

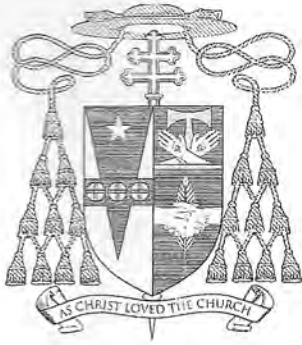


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OF THE MERGER OF

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT RICHARD PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Spirit Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1964. Saint Richard Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1924. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Holy Spirit Parish into the neighboring Saint Richard 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 Holy Spirit Parish and Saint Richard Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Holy Spirit Parish be merged into Saint Richard Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Holy Spirit 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 Holy Spirit and Saint Richard Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Saint Richard 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 Holy Spirit Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Richard Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Saint Richard Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

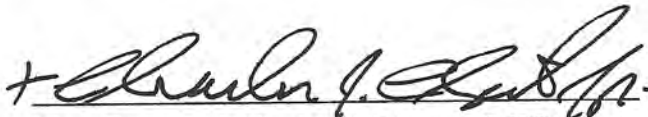
Broad St. from Oregon Ave. to League Island Blvd.; then air line to Patrol Rd; then air line to Delaware River; to Schuylkill River; then air line to Oregon Ave.; to Broad St.

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 Spirit Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Richard Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Holy Spirit Parish are to be promoted and honored. Holy Spirit Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Richard Parish. The sacramental registers of Holy Spirit Parish shall be preserved at Saint Richard 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.

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