

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT BARBARA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Saint Barbara Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania were both founded in 1921. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Rose of Lima Parish into the neighboring Saint Barbara 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 Rose of Lima Parish and Saint Barbara Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Rose of Lima Parish be merged into Saint Barbara Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Saint Barbara Parish, both of which have declined in population;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Rose of Lima and Saint Barbara Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties in the parishes and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to make best use of the parish facilities in light of their condition and location, 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 Rose of Lima Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Barbara Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

52nd St. from City Ave. to Overbrook Ave.; to Conrail; to Woodbine Ave.; air line to intersection of Monument Ave. and Ford Rd.; along Ford Rd. to Greenland Drive; to Schuylkill River; (including Peter's Island) to Girard Ave.; to Parkside Ave.; to 51st St.; to CONRAIL; to 54th St. to Girard Ave.; to 57th St.; to Haverford Ave.; to 63rd St.; to Jefferson St.; to 61st St.; Oxford St.; to 59th St.; to St. Bridge; to Upland Way; to Lebanon Ave.; to 59th St.; to Woodcrest Ave.; to 58th St.; to City Line Ave at 52nd 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 Rose of Lima Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Barbara Parish.

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

This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 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 29th day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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

SEAL

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Measure
Chancellor