

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT ALICE PARISH, UPPER DARBY, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT LAURENCE PARISH, UPPER DARBY, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Alice Parish, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania was founded in 1922. Saint Laurence Parish, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania was founded in 1917. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Alice Parish into the neighboring Saint Laurence 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 Alice Parish and Saint Laurence Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Alice Parish be merged into Saint Laurence Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Alice Parish and Saint Laurence Parish, 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 Alice and Saint Laurence 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 Alice Parish, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Laurence Parish, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

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

Follow Cobbs Creek from Township Line to Marshall Road; to Penn Central Railroad; to Red Arrow Line; to Lansdowne Ave.; to West Chester Pike; to Darby Road; to Llandillo Rd.; thence air line to Bennington Rd. at Earlington Rd.; to Grove Pl.; to Township Line Rd.; to Cobbs Creek.

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

The rich legacy and history of Saint Alice Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Alice Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Laurence Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Alice Parish shall be preserved at Saint Laurence 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. Mesure
Chancellor

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH, EAST LANSDOWNE, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT PHILOMENA PARISH, LANSDOWNE, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Cyril of Alexandria Parish, East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania was founded in 1928. Saint Philomena Parish, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania was founded in 1898. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Cyril of Alexandria Parish into the neighboring Saint Philomena 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 Cyril of Alexandria Parish and Saint Philomena Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Cyril of Alexandria Parish be merged into Saint Philomena Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Cyril of Alexandria Parish and Saint Philomena Parish, 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 Cyril of Alexandria and Saint Philomena 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 Cyril of Alexandria Parish, East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Philomena Parish, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

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

Septa R-3 tracks from Lansdowne Ave. to the Old R. R. Spur tracks; to Marshall Rd.: to Harrison Ave. (excluded); to Cobbs Creek; to Penn Central R.R.; to 5th Street; to Baily Rd.; to Lansdowne Ave.; to Providence Rd.; to Darby Creek; to old R.R.; to Mansfield Rd.; to

Marshall Rd.; to Lansdowne Ave.; to Septa R-3 tracks.

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 Cyril of Alexandria Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Philomena Parish.

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

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OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT LOUIS PARISH, YEADON, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH, DARBY, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Louis Parish, Yeadon, Pennsylvania was founded in 1928. Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Darby, Pennsylvania was founded in 1913. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Louis Parish into the neighboring Blessed Virgin Mary 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 Louis Parish and Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Louis Parish be merged into Blessed Virgin Mary Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Louis 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 Louis and Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties 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 Louis Parish, Yeadon, Pennsylvania will be merged into Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Darby, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish are hereby altered to the following:

Providence Rd. from Springfield Ave.: to Lansdowne Ave.; to Baily Rd.; to Commerce Dr.; projected to Penn Central R.R. at 5th St.; to Cobbs Creek; to Darby Creek; to Sharon Hill/ Colwyn Borough line; to Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; to Wolfenden Ave.; to Hibbard Ave.; to

Springfield Ave.; to Providence 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 Louis Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

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

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