

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

ALL SAINTS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT JOHN CANTIUS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

All Saints Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a territorial parish, was founded in 1860. Saint John Cantius Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a personal parish for Polish speaking people, was founded in 1892. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge All Saints Parish into the neighboring Saint John Cantius Parish and to make Saint John Cantius Parish the territorial 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 All Saints Parish and Saint John Cantius Parish.

The following just causes suggest that All Saints Parish be merged into Saint John Cantius Parish as the territorial parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of All Saints Parish and Saint John Cantius 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 All Saints and Saint John Cantius Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties in the parishes and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to address circumstances in which there is no longer a need for a Polish personal parish in the area;
- 5) to make best use of the parish facilities in light of their condition and location, and,

- 6) 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 All Saints Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint John Cantius Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Further, Saint John Cantius Parish is hereby altered so as to be a territorial parish with the following boundaries:

Delaware River from Brill St. (projected) to Wheatsheaf La.; to Aramingo Ave., to Tacony State Rd., to Bridge St. (including all of Frankford Arsenal); to Brill St. (excluded to Delaware River).

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 All Saints Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint John Cantius Parish.

The rich legacy and history of All Saints Parish are to be promoted and honored. All Saints Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint John Cantius Parish. The sacramental registers of All Saints Parish shall be preserved at Saint John Cantius Rectory. Saint John Cantius Parish will provide pastoral care to Polish speaking people in the area, as needed and insofar as is possible.

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

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT LEO THE GREAT PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Leo the Great Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a territorial parish, was founded in 1884. Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a personal parish for Italian speaking people, was founded in 1917. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Leo the Great Parish into the neighboring Our Lady of Consolation Parish and to make Our Lady of Consolation Parish the territorial 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 Leo the Great Parish and Our Lady of Consolation Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Leo the Great Parish be merged into Our Lady of Consolation Parish as the territorial parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Leo the Great Parish and Our Lady of Consolation 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 Leo the Great and Our Lady of Consolation Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties in the parishes and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to address circumstances in which there is no longer a need for an Italian personal parish in the area;
- 5) to make best use of the parish facilities in light of their condition and location, and,
- 6) 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 Leo the Great Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Our Lady of Consolation Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Further, Our Lady of Consolation Parish is hereby altered so as to be a territorial parish with the following boundaries:

Princeton Ave. from Frankford Ave. to Delaware River; to Robbins Ave.; to Cottage St.; to Magee Ave. to Walker St.; to Knorr St. to Frankford Ave.; to Princeton Ave..

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 Leo the Great Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Our Lady of Consolation Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Leo the Great Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Leo the Great Church will remain open as a worship site for Our Lady of Consolation Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Leo the Great Parish shall be preserved at Our Lady of Consolation Rectory. Our Lady of Consolation Parish will provide pastoral care to Italian speaking people in the area, as needed and insofar as is possible.

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.

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