

# **DECREE**

## **OF THE MERGER OF**

**OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH,  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**WITH**

**SAINT CYPRIAN PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 2005. Saint Cyprian Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 2000. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish into the neighboring Saint Cyprian 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 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Cyprian Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish be merged into Saint Cyprian Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Cyprian Parish;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and Saint Cyprian 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 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Cyprian Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Saint Cyprian Parish are hereby altered to encompass the territories of both Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Cyprian Parish, Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

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 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Saint Cyprian Parish.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Cyprian Parish. The sacramental registers of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish shall be preserved at Saint Cyprian Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of January 27, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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

# DECREE

## OF THE MERGER OF

**OUR MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**WITH**

**SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1852. Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1893. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Our Mother of Sorrows Parish into the neighboring Saint Ignatius of Loyola 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 Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Our Mother of Sorrows Parish be merged into Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish 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 Our Mother of Sorrows and Saint Ignatius of Loyola 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 Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish are hereby altered to encompass the territories of both Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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 Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish.

Our Mother of Sorrows Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish. The sacramental registers of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish shall be preserved at Saint Ignatius of Loyola Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of January 27, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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

# DECREE

## OF THE MERGER OF

**SAINT CALLISTUS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

**WITH**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Saint Callistus Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1921. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1894. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Callistus Parish into the neighboring Our Lady of Lourdes 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 Callistus Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Callistus Parish be merged into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish :

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Callistus Parish which has declined in population;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Callistus and Our Lady of Lourdes 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 Callistus Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will be merged into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are hereby altered to encompass the territories of both Saint Callistus Parish and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 Callistus Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Saint Callistus Church will remain open as a worship site for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Callistus Parish shall be preserved at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of January 27, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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

# **DECREE**

## **OF THE MERGER OF**

**SAINT DONATO PARISH , PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,**

**WITH**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Saint Donato Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1910 to serve Italian speaking Catholics in a portion of the city of Philadelphia. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1894. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Donato Parish into the territorial parish of Our Lady of Lourdes 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 Donato Parish, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Donato Parish be merged into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish :

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Donato Parish which has declined in population over the years and no longer serves a predominately Italian speaking community;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Donato, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes;
- 4) to address financial difficulties in the parishes 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 on November 26, 2012 and again on January 24, 2013, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Saint Donato Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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 Donato Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Saint Donato Church will remain open as a worship site for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will provide for the pastoral care of the Italian speaking people of the area. The sacramental registers of Saint Donato Parish shall be preserved at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory.

This decree becomes effective as of February 28, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of January in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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