

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT HUGH OF CLUNY PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT VERONICA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1922. Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1872. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish into the neighboring Saint Veronica 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 Hugh of Cluny Parish and Saint Veronica Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish be merged into Saint Veronica Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish and Saint Veronica Parish;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Hugh of Cluny and Saint Veronica 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 Hugh of Cluny Parish, Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Saint Veronica Parish are hereby altered to encompass the territories of both Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish and Saint Veronica 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 Hugh of Cluny Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, shall be assigned to Saint Veronica Parish.

Saint Hugh of Cluny Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Veronica Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Hugh of Cluny Parish shall be preserved at Saint Veronica 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 2nd 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 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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 25th 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 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.

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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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 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.

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

HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH, LINWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA,

AND

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, MARCUS HOOK, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH, BOOTHWYN, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Saviour Parish, Linwood, Pennsylvania, a territorial parish, was founded in 1914. Immaculate Conception Parish, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, a personal parish for those of Italian decent in the area, was founded in 1917. Saint John Fisher Parish, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania, a territorial parish, was founded in 1971. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge both Holy Saviour Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish into the neighboring Saint John Fisher Parish was studied and discussed with committees from all 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 Saviour Parish, Immaculate Conception Parish, and Saint John Fisher Parish .

The following just causes suggest that Holy Saviour Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish be merged into Saint John Fisher Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of the area ,which has declined in population in recent years;
- 2) to address circumstances in which there is no longer a need for an Italian personal parish in the area;
- 3) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Holy Saviour, Immaculate Conception, and Saint John Fisher Parishes;

- 4) to address serious 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, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Holy Saviour Parish, Linwood, Pennsylvania and Immaculate Conception Parish, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint John Fisher Parish, Boothwyn, Pennsylvania.

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

Cherry Tree Rd.; to Weir Rd.; to Aston Twp. Line; to Pennsylvania Route 452 (Market St.); to the B&O R.R.; to Keystone Rd; to Laughead Ave.; to and following City of Chester/Borough of Trainer line to Delaware River; to the Delaware River; to the Delaware-Pennsylvania state line; to PA Route 261(Faulk Rd.); to Concord Rd.; to Cherry Tree 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 Holy Saviour Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint John Fisher Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Holy Saviour and Immaculate Conception Parishes are to be promoted and honored. Holy Saviour Church and Immaculate Conception Church will remain open as a worship sites for Saint John Fisher Parish. The sacramental registers of Holy Saviour Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish shall be preserved at Saint John Fisher Rectory. Saint John Fisher Parish will provide pastoral care for 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.

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

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. Mesure
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.

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 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. Mesure
Chancellor

DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT LAURENTIUS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Laurentius Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a personal parish for Polish speaking people, was founded in 1882. Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a territorial parish, was founded in 1905. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Laurentius Parish into Holy Name of Jesus 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 Laurentius Parish and Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Laurentius Parish be merged into Holy Name of Jesus Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Laurentius Parish and Holy Name of Jesus 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 Laurentius and Holy Name of Jesus 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 Polish personal parish in the area; 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 Laurentius Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Holy Name of Jesus 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 Laurentius Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

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

DECREE

**OF THE DIVISION AND MERGER OF
INCARNATION OF OUR LORD PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
INTO
SAINT HELENA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
AND
SAINT VERONICA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1900. Saint Helena Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1924. Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1872. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to divide Incarnation of Our Lord Parish and merge it into the neighboring Saint Helena Parish and Saint Veronica Parish was studied and discussed with all 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 Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Saint Helena Parish, and Saint Veronica Parish .

The following just causes suggest that Incarnation of Our Lord Parish be divided and merged into Saint Helena Parish and Saint Veronica Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of the area ,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 Incarnation of Our Lord, Saint Helena, and Saint Veronica Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties at Incarnation of Our Lord Parish 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** a total dismemberment by which Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be divided and merged into Saint Helena Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Saint Veronica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

66th Ave. from the Reading R.R.; to 2nd St.; to 65th Ave.; to Walnut Park Dr.; to Claremont Rd.; to Fariston Rd.; to Walnut Park Dr.; to Crescentville Rd.; then by air to the Reading R.R.; to Olney Ave.; then to the Roosevelt Blvd.; to 10th St.; to Wagner Ave.; to 10th St.; to Champlost St.; to Broad St.; to Old York Rd.; to Melrose Ave.; to the Reading R.R.; to 66th Ave.

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

Roosevelt Blvd. from 9th St. and Wingohocking; to air (Rockland St.): to R.R.; to Bristol St.; then by air to Penn Central R.R.; to Erie Ave.; then by air to C St.; to Cambira St.; to 2nd St.; to Lehigh Ave.; to Germantown Ave.; to Cambria.; to 9th St.; to Wingohocking St.; to Roosevelt Blvd.

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 Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are to be equitably divided between Saint Helena Parish and Saint Veronica Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish is to be promoted and honored. Incarnation of Our Lord Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Helena Parish. The sacramental registers of Incarnation of Our Lord Parish shall be preserved at Saint Helena 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 BENEDICT PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT ATHANASIUS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Benedict Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1922. Saint Athanasius Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1928. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Benedict Parish into the neighboring Saint Athanasius 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 Benedict Parish and Saint Athanasius Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Benedict Parish be merged into Saint Athanasius Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Benedict Parish and Saint Athanasius 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 Benedict and Saint Athanasius 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 Benedict Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Athanasius Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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

Old York Rd. from Ashbourne Rd.; to Broad St.; to Nedro Ave., to 21st St.; to Kemble Ave.; to Church La., to 21st St.; to Laveer St., to Wister St.; to Stenton Ave.; to Washington La.; to Lowber Ave.; to Cliveden St.; to Fayette St.; to 76th Ave. to Washington Ln.; to Ashbourne Rd.; to Old York 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 Benedict Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Athanasius Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Benedict Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Benedict Church will remain open as a worship site for Saint Athanasius Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Benedict Parish shall be preserved at Saint Athanasius 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 MADELEINE SOPHIE PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

AND

**SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS PARISH,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,**

WITH

HOLY CROSS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1925. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1925. Holy Cross Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1890. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish into the neighboring Holy Cross Parish was studied and discussed with committees from all 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 Madeleine Sophie Parish, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, and Holy Cross Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish be merged into Holy Cross Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, and Holy Cross Parish, two 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 Madeleine Sophie, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, and Holy Cross 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 Madeleine Sophie Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Holy Cross Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Holy Cross Parish are hereby altered to the following:

Stenton Ave. from Springfield Ave. to Gorgas Lane; to Lowber St. to Washington Lane; to Wayne Ave.; to Johnson St.; to Wissahickon Ave.; to Park Lane; to Walnut Lane; to Wissahickon Creek; to Cresheim Creek; to Mc Callum St.; to Mermaid Lane; to Cherokee St.; to Springfield; to Stenton 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 Madeleine Sophie Parish and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Holy Cross Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Madeleine Sophie Church and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Church will remain open as a worship site for Holy Cross Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Madeleine Sophie Parish and Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish shall be preserved at Holy Cross 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 JOAN OF ARC PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
AND**

**MATER DOLOROSA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA
AND**

SAINT JOACHIM PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

HOLY INNOCENTS PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded as a territorial parish in 1919. Mater Dolorosa Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was founded as a personal parish for Italian speaking people in 1911. Saint Joachim Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded as a territorial parish in 1845. Holy Innocents Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded as a territorial parish in 1927. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, and Saint Joachim Parish into the neighboring Holy Innocents Parish was studied and discussed with committees from all 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 Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, Saint Joachim Parish, and Holy Innocents Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, and Saint Joachim Parish be merged into Holy Innocents Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, Saint Joachim Parish, and Holy Innocents Parish, several 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 Joan of Arc, Mater Dolorosa, Saint Joachim, and Holy Innocents Parishes;
- 3) to address circumstances in which there is no longer a need for an Italian personal parish in the area;

- 4) to address serious 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, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mater Dolorosa Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Saint Joachim Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Holy Innocents Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The boundaries of Holy Innocents Parish are hereby altered to the following:

Frankford Creek from the junction of Penn-Central Railroad (Oxford Branch); to Friends Hospital property line; to Roosevelt Blvd.; to Adams Ave.; to Arrott St.; to Horrocks St.; to Wakeling St.; to Tacony State Rd.; to Aramingo Ave.; to Venango St.; to Tulip St.; to Allegheny Ave.; to Emerald St.; to Westmoreland St.; to C St.; to Penn Central R.R. (Oxford Branch); TO Frankford 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 Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, and Saint Joachim Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Holy Innocents Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, and Saint Joachim Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Joan of Arc Church, Mater Dolorosa Church, and Saint Joachim Church will remain open as a worship sites for Holy Innocents Parish.

The sacramental registers of Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Mater Dolorosa Parish, and Saint Joachim Parish shall be preserved at Holy Innocents Rectory. Holy Innocents 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.

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 RELEGATION OF

SAINT LUCY CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

Due to the negative impact on parish ministry at Holy Family Parish, Philadelphia resulting from the expenses associated with repairing and maintaining Saint Lucy Church, Philadelphia as a worship site of the parish, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of Saint Lucy Church to profane but not sordid use.

The following grave causes suggest that the church be so relegated and no longer be used for divine worship:

- 1) Holy Family Parish does not have the resources to repair and to continue to maintain Saint Lucy Church. Necessary repairs would cost an estimated \$140,000. It is estimated that simply maintaining the church over the next five years would cost the parish an additional \$387,043. Also, when Saint Lucy Parish was merged into Holy Family Parish, a debt of approximately \$856,419 from St. Lucy Parish became the responsibility of Holy Family Parish;
- 2) there is no other source of funding and the financial burden of repairing and maintaining the church would cause important pastoral programs of Holy Family Parish, such as outreach to the poor of the area and support of Catholic education, to suffer due to lack of funds;
- 3) the church building does not have any particular architectural, historical, or artistic significance; and,
- 4) provision has been made for another suitable location for divine worship within the parish.

Accordingly, in virtue of the prescripts of canon 1212 and canon 1222, §2 of the Code of Canon Law, having judged that sufficient grave causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired and having consulted with the Council of Priests, I hereby **DECREE** that Saint Lucy Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be relegated to profane but not sordid use.

This decree is effective as of October 1, 2013, and is to be communicated to the members of Holy Family Parish 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 twenty fifth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord 2013.

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

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure
Chancellor