



DECREE

OF THE RELEGATION OF

SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH, WYNDMOOR, PENNSYLVANIA

TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

Seven Dolors Church, Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania has served as a worship site of Saint Genevieve Parish, Flourtown since 2003. The church, however, is no longer needed by the parish and the parish lacks the funding necessary to repair and maintain Seven Dolors Church without impeding the ministry of the parish. Consideration, therefore, must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of Seven Dolors 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) Seven Dolors Church is no longer needed by Saint Genevieve Parish. Seven Dolors Church is approximately one and a half miles from Saint Genevieve Church, so it is not a great burden for the faithful to come to the parish church to worship;
- 2) Saint Genevieve Parish has endeavored to keep Seven Dolors Church in good repair. The parish, however, does not have the resources to continue to repair and to maintain the church without negatively impacting the ministries of the parish. In addition to operating costs, the cost of necessary repairs for the church is an estimated \$232,800;
- 3) there is no other source of funding and the financial burden of repairing and maintaining the church would cause important pastoral programs of Saint Genevieve Parish, such as its support of Catholic education, to suffer within the next few years due to lack of funds;
- 4) the church building does not have any particular architectural, historical, or artistic significance; and,
- 5) having all of the parishioners worship at the parish church will enhance parish unity.

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 on December 13, 2013, I hereby **DECREE** that Seven Dolors Church, Wyndmoor, Pennsylvania, be relegated to profane but not sordid use.

This decree is effective as of July 1, 2014, and is to be communicated to the members of Saint Genevieve 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-first day of January, in the Year of Our Lord 2014.

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

SEAL

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Measure
Chancellor



DECREE

OF THE RELEGATION OF

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

Due to the deteriorating condition of All Saints Church, Philadelphia and a lack of the funding necessary to repair and maintain the church, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of All Saints 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) All Saints Church has been examined by experts who have determined that the building is in need of considerable repairs. Most notably the use of the church had to be suspended for safety reasons in October 2013 when inspectors found serious structural problems with the facade and the roof of the church. It is estimated that the cost of necessary repairs would be nearly one million dollars. This includes \$15,000 just for immediate stabilization and \$325,000 for repointing the stonework on the exterior of the church. The other buildings owned by the parish on the property with All Saints Church are in need of an additional one million dollars in repairs;
- 2) Saint John Cantius Parish, Philadelphia, which has ownership of All Saints Church, does not have the resources to repair and maintain the All Saints Church building. The parish has a debt of slightly over two million dollars and has difficulty in meeting operating expenses;
- 3) there is no other source of funding for the necessary repairs;
- 4) the financial burden of repairing and maintaining the church would cause important pastoral programs of Saint John Cantius Parish, such as outreach to the poor and educational efforts, to suffer due to lack of funds;

- 5) the church building does not have any particular architectural, historical, or artistic significance; and,
- 6) the people who had been attending All Saints Church are in reasonably close proximity to Saint John Cantius Church.

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, having consulted with the Pastor of Saint John Cantius Parish, and having consulted with the Council of Priests, I hereby **DECREE** that All Saints Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be relegated to profane but not sordid use.

This decree is effective as of February 28, 2014, and is to be communicated to the members of Saint John Cantius 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 seventeenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord 2014.

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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT ANN PARISH, BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT MARK PARISH, BRISTOL, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Ann Parish, Bristol, Pennsylvania was founded in 1906 to serve Italian speaking people in the area. Saint Mark Parish, Bristol, Pennsylvania was founded in 1844. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Ann Parish into the neighboring Saint Mark 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 Ann Parish and Saint Mark Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Ann Parish be merged into Saint Mark Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Ann Parish which has declined in population in recent years and no longer serves a predominately Italian speaking community;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Ann and Saint Mark Parishes;
- 3) to address financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources; and,
- 4) to provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay personnel.

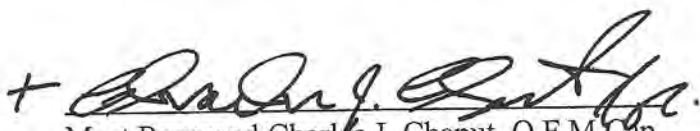
Accordingly, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired, and having consulted the Council of Priests in accord with canon 515, §2, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Saint Ann Parish, Bristol, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Mark Parish, Bristol, Pennsylvania.. Saint Mark Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

The rich legacy and history of Saint Ann Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Ann Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Mark Parish. Saint Mark Parish will provide for the pastoral care of the Italian speaking people of the area. The sacramental registers of Saint Ann Parish shall be preserved at Saint Mark Rectory.

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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, BENSALEM, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH, BENSALEM, PENNSYLVANIA

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Bensalem, Pennsylvania was founded in 1954. Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Bensalem, Pennsylvania was founded in 1903. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Our Lady of Fatima Parish into the neighboring Saint Charles Borromeo 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 Fatima Parish and Saint Charles Borromeo Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Our Lady of Fatima Parish be merged into Saint Charles Borromeo Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Our Lady of Fatima 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 Our Lady of Fatima and Saint Charles Borromeo Parishes;
- 3) to utilize Saint Charles Borromeo Church as the seat of the parish as the site which will best serve the needs of the parish,
- 4) to address financial challenges in both 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 Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Bensalem, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Saint Charles Borromeo Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

Bristol Rd. from Rt. 1 to Galloway Rd.; to Knights Rd.; to Street Rd. (extended); to Delaware River; to Poquessing Creek; to Rt. 1; to Bristol 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 Our Lady of Fatima Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Charles Borromeo Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Our Lady of Fatima Parish are to be promoted and honored. Our Lady of Fatima Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish. The sacramental registers of Our Lady of Fatima Parish shall be preserved at Saint Charles Borromeo Rectory.

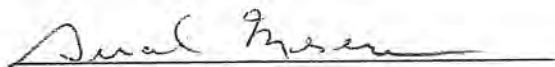
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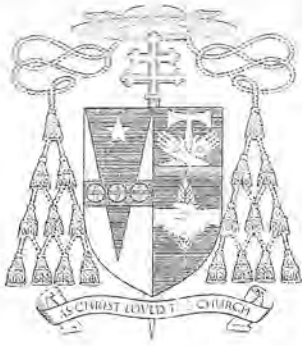


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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH, BENSALEM, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH, CROYDON, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Bensalem, Pennsylvania was founded in 1976. Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Croydon, Pennsylvania was founded in 1922. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish into the neighboring Saint Thomas Aquinas 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish be merged into Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Thomas Aquinas Parishes by uniting their efforts;
- 3) to utilize Saint Thomas Aquinas Church as the seat of the parish as the site which has the best physical resources and access for the faithful,
- 4) to address financial difficulties in Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish and to provide for a better stewardship of resources for both parishes; 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Bensalem, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Croydon, Pennsylvania. Saint Thomas Aquinas Church will remain the parish church.

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

Durham Rd. from New Falls Rd. to PA Turnpike; to Rt. 413; to Delaware River; to Street Rd. (extended); to Knights Rd.; to Galloway Rd.; to Hulmeville Rd.; to Byberry Rd.; to Bridgewater Rd. to Ford Rd.; to Kasmir Ave.; to Bensalem Blvd.; to Ashton Rd.; to Rt. I-95; to Neshaminy Creek; to New Falls Rd.; to Durham 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 Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish shall be preserved at Saint Thomas Aquinas Rectory.

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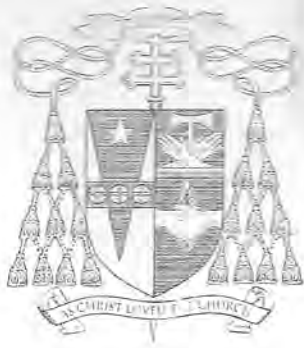


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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH, FALLSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI PARISH, FAIRLESS HILLS, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Fallsington, Pennsylvania was founded in 1956. Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania was founded in 1953. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Joseph the Worker Parish into the neighboring Saint Frances Cabrini 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 Joseph the Worker Parish and Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Joseph the Worker Parish be merged into Saint Frances Cabrini Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of the parishes 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 Joseph the Worker and Saint Frances Cabrini Parishes;
- 3) to address financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Saint Francis Cabrini Church as the seat of the parish as the site which will best serve the needs of the parish, 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 Joseph the Worker Parish, Fallsington, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Frances Cabrini Parish, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. Saint Frances Cabrini Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

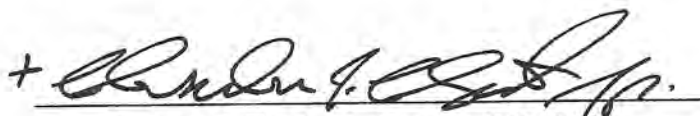
Rt. 13 from Penn-Central R.R. to Mill Creek Rd. (excluded); to North Turn La.; to North Park Dr.; to North Park Way; to Penn Valley Rd.; to New Falls Rd.; to Woodbourne Rd.; to Oxford Valley Rd.; to Penn-Central R.R.; to Rt. 13.

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 Joseph the Worker Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Frances Cabrini Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Joseph the Worker Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Frances Cabrini Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish shall be preserved at Saint Frances Cabrini Rectory.

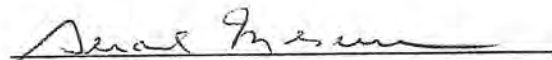
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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA,**

WITH

QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE PARISH, LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania was founded in 1956. Queen of the Universe Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania was founded in 1953. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish into the neighboring Queen of the Universe 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 Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish and Queen of the Universe Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish be merged into Queen of the Universe Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Immaculate Conception, B.V.M. 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 Immaculate Conception B.V.M. and Queen of the Universe Parishes;
- 3) to utilize Queen of the Universe Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited to serve the needs of the parish,
- 4) to address financial difficulties 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 Immaculate Conception Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania will be merged into Queen of the Universe Parish, Levittown, Pennsylvania. Queen of the Universe Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

The boundaries of Queen of the Universe Parish are hereby altered to the following:

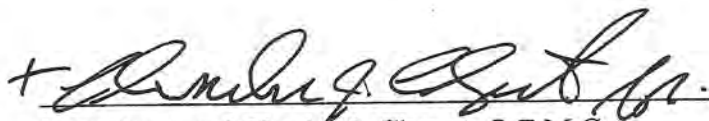
Oxford Valley Rd. from Penn-Central R.R. to Woodbourne Rd.; to Edgely Rd.; to Philadelphia Electric Power line; to PA Turnpike; to Durham Rd.; to Newportville-Fallsington Rd.; to Rt. 413 (extended to Reading R.R.); to Penn-Central R.R.; to Oxford Valley Rd.

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 Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Queen of the Universe Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish are to be promoted and honored. Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Church will remain open for worship as a part of Queen of the Universe Parish. The sacramental registers of Immaculate Conception B.V.M. Parish shall be preserved at Queen of the Universe Rectory.

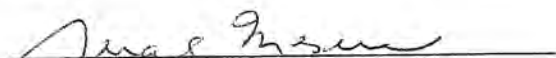
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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT GEORGE PARISH, GLENOLDEN, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Spirit Parish, Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania was founded in 1964. Saint George Parish, Glenolden, Pennsylvania was founded in 1924. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Holy Spirit Parish into the neighboring Saint George 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 Holy Spirit Parish and Saint George Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Holy Spirit Parish be merged into Saint George Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Holy Spirit 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 Holy Spirit and Saint George Parishes by uniting their efforts;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources for both parishes;
- 4) to utilize Saint George Church as the seat of the parish as the site which is best suited to serve the needs of the parish, 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 Spirit Parish, Sharon Hill, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint George Parish, Glenolden, Pennsylvania. Saint George Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

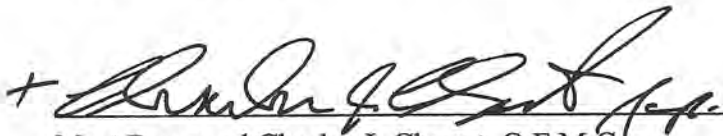
B&O R.R. from W Oak La. to the Darby Borough line; to Sharon Hill-Colwyn Borough line; to Darby Creek; to Grant Rd. (projected); to Glenolden Ave. (projected); to MacDade Blvd.; to W Oak La.; to B&O R.R.; to the Darby Borough line.

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

The rich legacy and history of Holy Spirit Parish are to be promoted and honored. Holy Spirit Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint George Parish. The sacramental registers of Holy Spirit Parish shall be preserved at Saint George Rectory.

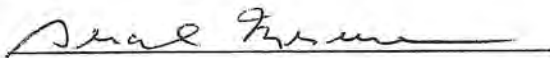
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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT AUGUSTINE PARISH, BRIDGEPORT, PENNSYLVANIA,

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, BRIDGEPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

AND

SACRED HEART PARISH, SWEDESBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Augustine Parish, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania was founded in 1892. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania was founded in 1924 to serve Italian speaking people in the area. Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, Pennsylvania was founded in 1907 to serve Polish speaking people in the area. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge these three parishes together to form one new parish was studied and discussed with committees from all of the area 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 Augustine Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Augustine Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Sacred Heart Parish be merged into one parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of all three parishes which have declined in population in recent years.
- 2) Our lady of Mount Carmel Parish no longer serves a predominately Italian speaking community and Sacred Heart Parish no longer serves a predominately Polish speaking community;
- 3) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of all three Parishes;
- 4) to address financial difficulties in several of 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 Augustine Parish, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania; and Sacred Heart Parish, Swedesburg, Pennsylvania will be merged to form one territorial parish.

Having judged that the facilities at Sacred Heart Church will best serve the needs of the parish, I further **DECREE** that Sacred Heart Church will serve as the parish church and that the title of the parish will be Sacred Heart.

The boundaries of the parish are as follows:

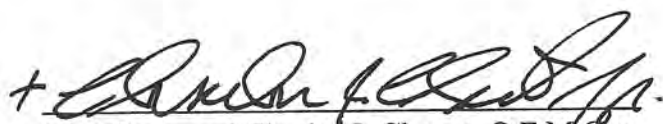
Schuylkill River from Henderson Rd. to B St. (Swedeland); then by air line to South Gulph Rd. At Swedeland Rd.; to Henderson Rd.; to the Schuylkill River

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 three parishes, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Sacred Heart Parish.

The rich legacy and history of all three parishes is to be promoted and honored. Saint Augustine Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will remain open for worship as parts of Sacred Heart Parish. Sacred Heart Parish will provide for the pastoral care of the Italian and Polish speaking people of the area insofar as it is feasible and necessary. The sacramental registers of Saint Augustine Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, and Sacred Heart Parish shall be preserved at Sacred Heart Rectory.

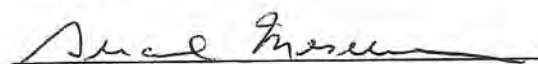
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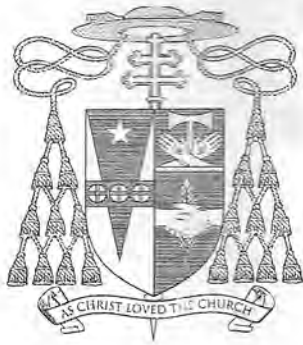


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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT MARY PARISH, CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH, CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Mary Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania was founded in 1905 to serve Polish speaking people in the area. Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania was founded in 1851. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Mary Parish into the neighboring Saint Matthew 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 Mary Parish and Saint Matthew Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Mary Parish be merged into Saint Matthew Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Mary Parish which has declined in population in recent years and no longer serves a predominately Polish speaking community;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saint Mary and Saint Matthew Parishes;
- 3) to address financial challenges and to provide for a better stewardship of resources; and,
- 4) to provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay personnel.

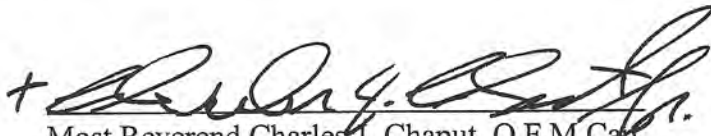
Accordingly, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired, and having consulted the Council of Priests in accord with canon 515, §2, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Saint Mary Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. Saint Matthew Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

The rich legacy and history of Saint Mary Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Mary Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Matthew Parish. Saint Matthew Parish will provide for the pastoral care of the Polish speaking people of the area insofar as it is feasible and necessary. The sacramental registers of Saint Mary Parish shall be preserved at Saint Matthew Rectory.

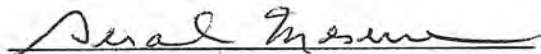
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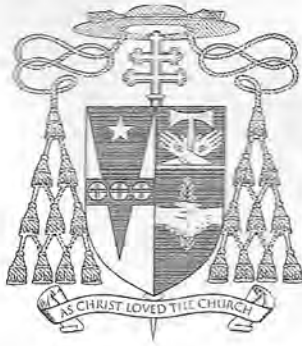
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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN PARISH, CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH, CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA

Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania was founded in 1912 to serve Italian speaking people in the area. Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania was founded in 1851. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish into the neighboring Saint Matthew 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 Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish and Saint Matthew Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish be merged into Saint Matthew Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish which has declined in population in recent years and no longer serves a predominately Italian speaking community;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Saints Cosmas and Damian and Saint Matthew Parishes;
- 3) to address financial difficulties in Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish and to provide for a better stewardship of resources; and,
- 4) to provide for the optimum use of clergy and lay personnel.

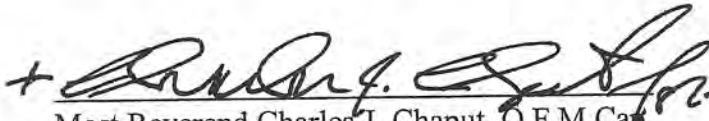
Accordingly, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired, and having consulted the Council of Priests in accord with canon 515, §2, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. Saint Matthew Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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 Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Matthew Parish.

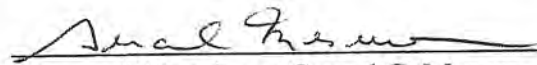
The rich legacy and history of Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saints Cosmas and Damian Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Matthew Parish. Saint Matthew Parish will provide for the pastoral care of the Italian speaking people of the area insofar as it is feasible and necessary. The sacramental registers of Saints Cosmas and Damian Parish shall be preserved at Saint Matthew Rectory.

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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH, WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT MATTHEW PARISH, CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Gertrude Parish, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania was founded in 1888. Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania was founded in 1851. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Gertrude Parish into the neighboring Saint Matthew 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 Gertrude Parish and Saint Matthew Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Gertrude Parish be merged into Saint Matthew Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Gertrude 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 Gertrude and Saint Matthew Parishes;
- 3) to provide for a better stewardship of resources in the parishes;
- 4) to utilize Saint Matthew Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited by its size and location to serve the needs of the parish, 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 Gertrude Parish, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Matthew Parish, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. Saint Matthew Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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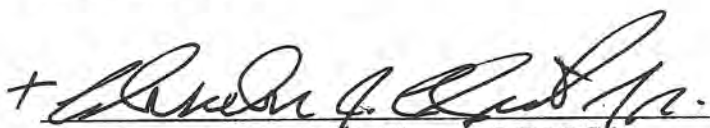
Spring Mill Rd. from Butler Pk. to Cedar Grove Rd.; to Barren Hill Rd.; to Ridge Pk.; to Northwestern Ave.; then by air line to Schuylkill River; then to air line to N Spring Mill Rd.; to Old Gulph Rd.; to Matsonford Rd.; to S Gulf Rd.; to Gypsy La.; to Montgomery Ave.; to Swedeland Rd.; then air line crossing B. St. to I-276; to Schuylkill River; then air line to the juncture of Alan Wood and Brook Rds.; east side of Alan Wood Rd.; to W Ridge Pk.; to Butler Pk.; to Spring Mill 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 Gertrude Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Matthew Parish.

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

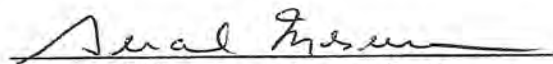
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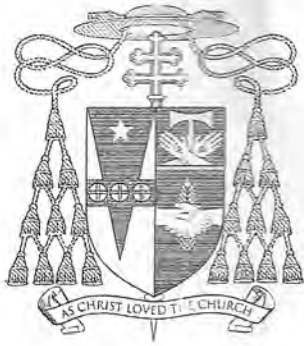


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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

**SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE PARISH,
ESSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA,**

WITH

SAINT GABRIEL PARISH, NORWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Essington, Pennsylvania was founded in 1921. Saint Gabriel Parish, Norwood, Pennsylvania was founded in 1891. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish into the neighboring Saint Gabriel 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 Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish and Saint Gabriel Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish be merged into Saint Gabriel 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 Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque and Saint Gabriel Parishes;
- 3) to utilize Saint Gabriel Church as the seat of the parish as the site which has the best physical resources and location,
- 4) to address financial difficulties 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 Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, Essington, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Gabriel Parish, Norwood, Pennsylvania. Saint Gabriel Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

Glenolden Ave. from B&O R.R. to Grant Rd. (projected); to Darby Creek; to Philadelphia/Delaware County line; to Delaware River; to Darby Creek.; to Prospect Ave.; to 10th Ave.; to Lincoln Ave.; to B&O R.R.; to Glenolden 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 Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Gabriel Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Gabriel Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish shall be preserved at Saint Gabriel Rectory.


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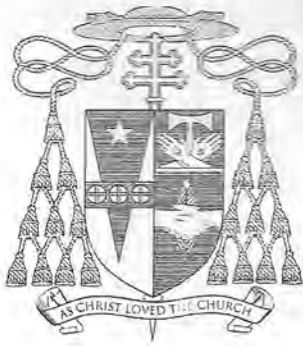
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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES PARISH, SWARTHMORE, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH, MILMONT PARK, PENNSYLVANIA

Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania was founded in 1959. Our Lady of Peace Parish, Milmont Park, Pennsylvania was founded in 1922. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish into the neighboring Our Lady of Peace 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 Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish and Our Lady of Peace Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish be merged into Our Lady of Peace Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of both parishes;
- 2) to enhance evangelization efforts and to improve the vitality of parish life for the people of Notre Dame de Lourdes and Our Lady of Peace Parishes by uniting their efforts;
- 3) to utilize Our Lady of Peace Church as the seat of the parish as the site which will best serve the needs of the people of the parish,
- 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, I hereby **DECREE** an extinctive union by which Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania will be merged into Our Lady of Peace Parish, Milmont Park, Pennsylvania. Our Lady of Peace Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

The boundaries of Our Lady of Peace Parish are hereby altered to the following:

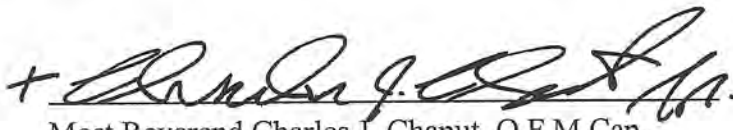
Riverview Rd. from Baltimore Pk. to Swarthmore Ave.; to Macdade Blvd.; to Kedron Ave.; to B&O R.R. to Fairview Rd.; to Jefferson Ave.; extended to Macdade Blvd.; to Ridley Creek; to Crum Creek; to Baltimore Pk.; to Riverview Rd.

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 Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Our Lady of Peace Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish are to be promoted and honored. Notre Dame de Lourdes Church will remain open for worship as a part of Our Lady of Peace Parish. The sacramental registers of Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish shall be preserved at Our Lady of Peace Rectory.

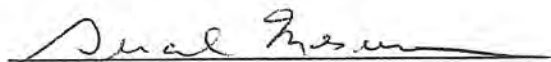
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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, ROSLYN, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, ARDSLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn, Pennsylvania was founded in 1953. Queen of Peace Parish, Ardsley, Pennsylvania was founded in 1954. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint John of the Cross Parish into the neighboring Queen of Peace 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 John of the Cross Parish and Queen of Peace Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint John of the Cross Parish be merged into Queen of Peace Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint John of the Cross 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 John of the Cross and Queen of Peace Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Queen of Peace Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited to serve the needs of the parish, 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 John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn, Pennsylvania will be merged into Queen of Peace Parish, Ardsley, Pennsylvania. Queen of Peace Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

The boundaries of Queen of Peace Parish are hereby altered to the following:

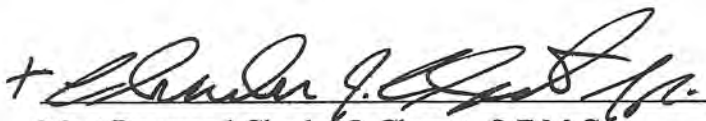
Old Welsh Rd. from air line from PA Turnpike to Reading R.R. (Hatboro Division); to Easton Rd.; to N Tyson Ave.; to Bradfield Rd.; to Reading R.R.; to Jenkintown Rd.; to Edge Hill Rd. (both sides); to Mount Carmel Ave.; to North Hills Ave.; to Reading R.R.; to Mill Rd.; to Manor Place (both sides); to Garden Rd.; to Wischman Ave.; to Twining Rd.; thence by air line to the junction of Camp Hill Rd. and the PA Turnpike; along PA Turnpike then to air line to Old Welsh 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 John of the Cross Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Queen of Peace Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Saint John of the Cross Parish are to be promoted and honored. Saint John of the Cross Church will remain open for worship as a apart of Queen of Peace Parish. The sacramental registers of Saint John of the Cross Parish shall be preserved at Queen of Peace Rectory.

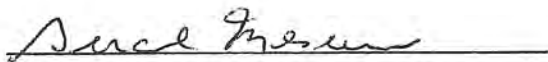
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OF THE MERGER OF

SAINT EDMOND PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT MONICA PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Saint Edmond Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1912. Saint Monica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1895. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Saint Edmond Parish into the neighboring Saint Monica 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 Edmond Parish and Saint Monica Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Saint Edmond Parish be merged into Saint Monica Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Saint Edmond 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 Edmond and Saint Monica Parishes;
- 3) to address financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Saint Monica Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited in size and location to serve the needs of the parish, 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 Edmond Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Monica Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Saint Monica Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

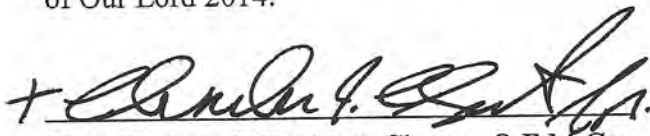
21st St. from Tasker St. to Moore St.; to 20th St.; McKean St. (south side); to Broad St. (west side); to Oregon Ave. (north side); then air line to Schuylkill River; then air line to McKean St.; to 25th St.; to Tasker St.; to 21st St.

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

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

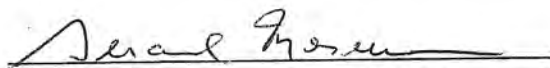
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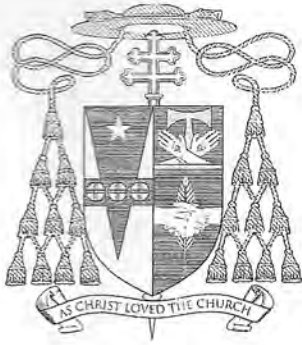


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DECREE

OF THE MERGER OF

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,

WITH

SAINT RICHARD PARISH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Holy Spirit Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1964. Saint Richard Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was founded in 1924. As the result of an Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning initiative, a proposal to merge Holy Spirit Parish into the neighboring Saint Richard 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 Holy Spirit Parish and Saint Richard Parish.

The following just causes suggest that Holy Spirit Parish be merged into Saint Richard Parish:

- 1) to provide more effectively for the pastoral needs of the faithful of Holy Spirit 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 Holy Spirit and Saint Richard Parishes;
- 3) to address serious financial difficulties and to provide for a better stewardship of resources;
- 4) to utilize Saint Richard Church as the seat of the parish as the site best suited to serve the needs of the parish, 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 Spirit Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania will be merged into Saint Richard Parish, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Saint Richard Church will continue to serve as the parish church.

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

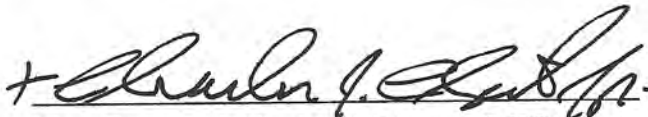
Broad St. from Oregon Ave. to League Island Blvd.; then air line to Patrol Rd; then air line to Delaware River; to Schuylkill River; then air line to Oregon Ave.; to Broad St.

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 Holy Spirit Parish, including their property and treasury, as well as any debts, are assigned to Saint Richard Parish.

The rich legacy and history of Holy Spirit Parish are to be promoted and honored. Holy Spirit Church will remain open for worship as a part of Saint Richard Parish. The sacramental registers of Holy Spirit Parish shall be preserved at Saint Richard Rectory.

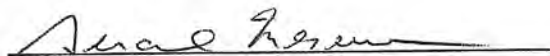
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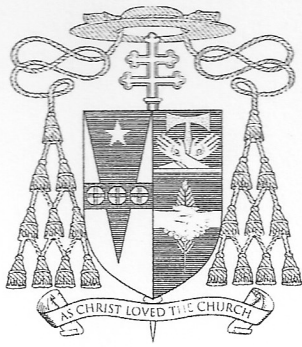


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DECREE

OF THE RELEGATION OF

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

Due to the high cost of repairing and maintaining Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Philadelphia and due to a lack of the funding necessary to cover the expenses of the church, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament 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:

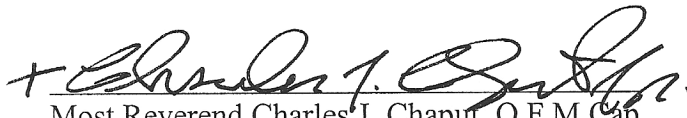
- 1) Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church has been costing Saint Cyprian Parish approximately \$35,000 a year just to maintain. In addition, the church building continues to have problems that necessitate expensive repairs, such as a recent expense of \$3500 to repair water damage from a broken pipe;
- 2) Saint Cyprian Parish, Philadelphia, which has ownership of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, does not have the resources to repair and to continue to maintain the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church building. The parish has a debt and has difficulty in meeting its operating expenses;
- 3) there is no other source of funding for the church maintenance and necessary repairs;
- 4) the financial burden of repairing and maintaining Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church would cause staffing and important pastoral programs of Saint Cyprian Parish, such as outreach to the poor and educational efforts, to suffer due to lack of funds;

- 5) Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church building does not have any particular architectural, historical, or artistic significance; and,
- 6) the people who had been attending Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church are in reasonably close proximity to Saint Cyprian Church, so the relegation of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church would not deprive anyone of the use of a church.

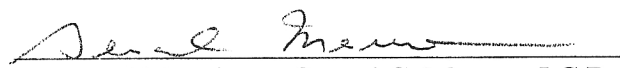
Accordingly, in virtue of the prescripts of canon 1212 and canon 1222, §2 of the Code of Canon Law, having judged that sufficient grave causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired, having consulted with the Pastor of Saint Cyprian Parish and having consulted with the Council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

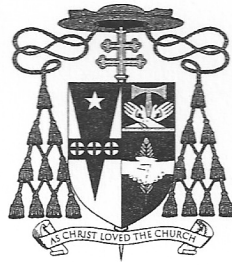
This decree is effective as of August 1, 2014, and is to be communicated to the members of Saint Cyprian Parish and to the faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on the eighteenth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord 2014.


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

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Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure, J.C.D.
Chancellor



DECREE

OF THE RELEGATION OF

SAINT CALLISTUS CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

Due to the deteriorating condition of Saint Callistus Church, Philadelphia and a lack of the funding necessary to repair and maintain the church, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of Saint Callistus 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) Saint Callistus Church has been examined by experts who have found that the church building has a serious environmental problem with mold. The presence of mold makes the use of the a health hazard. Professional estimates on the costs of removing the mold and making the repairs necessary to the church roof and foundation so as to avoid a reoccurrence of the problem run between a minimum of approximately \$260,000 to a maximum of approximately \$345,000. This is over and above the annual costs of other repairs, insurance, and maintenance of the church.
- 2) Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Philadelphia, which has ownership of Saint Callistus Church, does not have the resources to repair and maintain the Saint Callistus Church building. The parish already has an outstanding debt of approximately \$429,000 and has been unable to meet its annual operating expenses;
- 3) there is no other source of funding for the necessary repairs;
- 4) the financial burden of repairing and maintaining the church would cause important pastoral programs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, such as outreach to the poor and educational efforts, to suffer due to lack of funds;

- 5) the church building does not have any special architectural, historical, or artistic significance; and,
- 6) the people who had been attending Saint Callistus Church are in reasonably close proximity to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Accordingly, in virtue of the prescripts of 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, having consulted with the Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and having consulted with the Council of Priests on September 12, 2014, I hereby **DECREE** that Saint Callistus Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be relegated to profane but not sordid use.

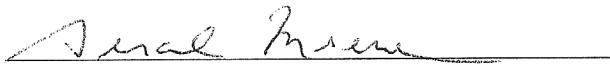
This decree is effective as of October 1, 2014, and is to be communicated to the members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and to the faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on the twenty sixth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord 2014.

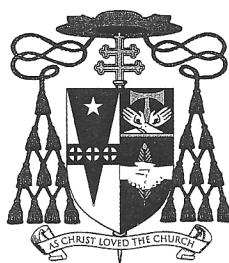


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DECREE

OF THE RELEGATION OF

SAINT LAURENTIUS CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

Due to the deteriorating condition of Saint Laurentius Church, Philadelphia and a lack of the funding necessary to repair and maintain the church, consideration must be given as to whether sufficient grave causes exist for the relegation of Saint Laurentius 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:

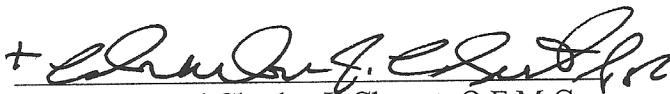
- 1) Saint Laurentius Church has been examined by experts who have determined that the building is unsafe for use and in need of extensive repairs. On March 19, 2014 the City of Philadelphia declared the building is “unsafe” and ordered that either repairs be made or the building be demolished. Engineers hired by Holy Name of Jesus Parish, which has ownership of the church, found Saint Laurentius Church “a potential safety hazard to the public.”
In summary there are numerous cracks in the facade of the building and the church’s towers are in danger of collapsing. The least expensive option, which itself would cost \$1 million, is to demolish the entire church. Merely stabilizing or repairing the church would cost anywhere between \$1.2 and \$3.4 million. Aside from the needed repairs, the costs of utilities, insurance, and maintenance for the church are approximately \$68,000 annually.
- 2) Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Philadelphia, which has ownership of Saint Laurentius Church, does not have the resources to repair and maintain the Saint Laurentius Church building. The parish already has a debt of approximately \$475,000 and has been unable to meet annual operating expenses;
- 3) there is no other source of funding for the necessary repairs;

- 4) the financial burden of repairing and maintaining the church would cause important pastoral programs of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, such as outreach to the poor and educational efforts, to suffer due to lack of funds;
- 5) the church building does not have any special architectural, historical, or artistic significance; and,
- 6) the people who had been attending Saint Laurentius Church are in reasonably close proximity to Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Accordingly, in virtue of the prescripts of 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, having consulted with the Pastor of Saint Holy Name of Jesus Parish, and having consulted with the Council of Priests on September 12, 2014, I hereby **DECREE** that Saint Laurentius Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, be relegated to profane but not sordid use.

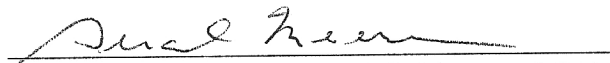
This decree is effective as of October 1, 2014, and is to be communicated to the members of Holy Name of Jesus Parish and to the faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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