



DECREE
OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE QUASI-PARISH OF SAINT MARY,
CONSHOHOCKEN, PENNSYLVANIA

In response to a growing interest, it has become timely to provide additional pastoral care for those wishing to participate in Divine Worship in the Extraordinary Form. While it remains to be seen if this community will flourish so as to become a parish, the establishment of a quasi-parish (canon 516) to provide this spiritual care appears to be most fitting at this time.

Saint Mary Church, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania is available to serve as the church for the quasi-parish. The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter has offered to provide clergy to serve the new community.

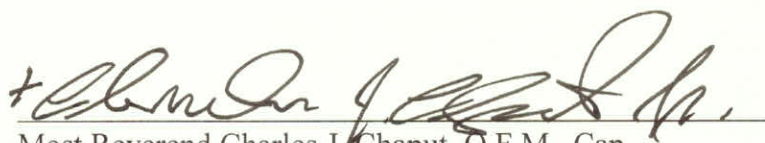
The Council of Priests, area pastors, and others around the archdiocese who are already involved in public celebrations of the Extraordinary Form of the Holy Mass have been consulted concerning the formation of this quasi-parish.

Therefore, having judged that sufficient just cause is present, I hereby **DECREE** the establishment of the Quasi-Parish of Saint Mary. This quasi-parish is to serve a community of those throughout the archdiocese who choose to participate in Divine Worship in the Extraordinary Form. Further, I designate Saint Mary Church, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania to serve as the church for this community.

Care of the quasi-parish will be entrusted to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter and a pastor will be appointed as of the date this decree goes into effect.

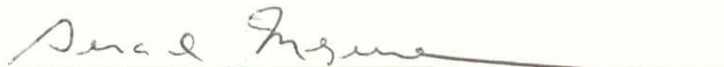
This decree becomes effective as of August 1, 2018 at which time the quasi-parish of Saint Mary will be canonically established. Prior to this date this decree is to be communicated to the Faithful of the Archdiocese in an appropriate manner. All thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia this Fourteenth day of March in the Year of Our Lord 2018.



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

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