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DECREE

WITHDRAWING JULY 25, 2019 DECREE CONCERNING THE RELEGATION OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA TO PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE

On July 25, 2019 my predecessor, Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., issued a Decree relegating Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to profane but not sordid use effective September 3, 2019. In order to allow more time to consider concerns raised relative to the relegation, Archbishop Chaput issued a subsequent Decree on August 26, 2019 delaying the date of implementation to November 12, 2019. As these concerns continued to exist beyond that time, Archbishop Chaput issued another Decree on October 29, 2019 further delaying the date of implementation to May 12, 2020.

The causes for relegation listed in Archbishop Chaput's Decree of July 25, 2019 remain valid. However, in light of the importance of the church and the concerns raised relative to its relegation, I have determined that additional efforts need to be made to ascertain if it is in fact possible to preserve Holy Trinity Church as a place of Divine Worship. Therefore, I hereby withdraw Archbishop Chaput's Decree of July 25, 2019 relegating Holy Trinity Church to profane but not sordid use.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, on this 30th day of April, 2020.

Most Reverend Nelson Pérez

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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