By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF PITTSBURGH

DECREE

THE EXTINCTIVE UNION OF
SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL PARISH, SAINT REGIS PARISH,
SAINT ROSALIA PARISH, AND SAINT STEPHEN PARISH
INTO
SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL PARISH

Whereas, in 1901, the decision was made to relocate the cathedral of the Diocese of Pittsburgh from downtown to the corner of Fifth Avenue and Craig Street in Oakland, the cornerstone being laid on September 6, 1903 and the church was consecrated on October 24, 1906. Saint Paul Cathedral has served as the mother church of the Diocese of Pittsburgh since that time.

Whereas, Saint Regis Parish was established on October 9, 1993, as part of the diocesan reorganization and revitalization project by the merger of St. Regis and St. Hyacinth Parishes.

Whereas, Saint Rosalia Parish was created in order to better serve the needs of the Catholics of the area by the merger of Saint Rosalia and Saint Joachim Parishes in 1993.

Whereas, Saint Stephen Parish was created by the merger of Saint Stephen and Saint Ann Parishes in 1993 in order to better meet the needs of the faithful living in Hazelwood.

Whereas, information regarding the future of the parishes has been consistently communicated to the parishioners in the weekly, combined parish bulletin, on the parish website, and at announcements during weekend Masses.

Whereas, parish assemblies were held on March 1 and 4, 2020, to provide information to the people of the parishes and to receive parishioner input regarding the possible merger of the parishes.

Whereas on April 27, 2020, four (4) petitions were presented to the diocesan bishop, each signed by the one priest who serves as Administrator of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Regis Parish, Saint Rosalia Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish, along with the signatures of the respective Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils requesting that Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Regis Parish, Saint Rosalia Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish be merged into Saint Paul Cathedral Parish forming an extinctive union.

Whereas merging these parishes will provide more vibrant and effective ministries to the faithful and, because of the fewer number of priests in the diocese and faithful in the territory, forming one parish will facilitate a stronger community of the faithful for liturgical worship, ministry, and outreach.

Therefore, having received the petition of the four (4) parishes and having heard the Presbyteral Council on May 7, 2020 and the Vicars General on the same day, and with no harm coming to the good of souls and indeed for the spiritual benefit of the faithful, and all of the requirements of canons 50, 51, 127, 166, and 515 having been fulfilled, we do hereby decree the following:

1. By means of an extinctive union Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Regis Parish, Saint Rosalia Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish are merged and subsumed into Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, which is erected by this decree according to the prescriptions of canon 515§ 2 of the *Code of Canon Law*.

2. In accordance with the norms of law (cf. canon 121), all assets, responsibilities and liabilities of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Regis Parish, Saint Rosalia Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish are transferred into the newly erected Saint Paul Cathedral Parish. The intention of donors is to be respected.

3. Furthermore, the voluntary offerings of the faithful and all other grants that have been made and will be made to the Parish of Saint Paul Cathedral constitute its revenue.

4. All prior sacramental records from Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Regis Parish, Saint Rosalia Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish will be housed at the Archives and Records Center of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

5. All churches are to remain open to the faithful for at least occasional sacred worship, whether public or private (cf. can. 1214). If a church is not used for regular public worship, the holy Mass is to be celebrated there at least every year on the solemnity of the anniversary of the church's dedication and on the solemnity of the church's title, in accord with current liturgical norms (cf. can. 1167 §2 and 1168 of the former Code of Canon Law, and can. 2 of the present Code). If such an observance is impeded by another date of higher rank according to the Roman calendar, the impeded solemnity is to be transferred to the first available date thereafter.

6. All present members of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish, Saint Regis Parish, Saint Rosalia Parish, and Saint Stephen Parish are entitled to be parishioners Saint Paul Cathedral Parish according to the universal law and legitimate custom within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

7. The boundaries of Saint Paul Cathedral Parish shall be as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of beginning at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Shady Avenue, proceed west along the centerline of Fifth Avenue to the intersection with Ivy Street; proceed north along the centerline of Ivy Street to the intersection with Ellsworth Avenue; proceed east along the centerline of Ellsworth Avenue to the intersection with Ivy Street; proceed north along the centerline of Ivy Street to its endpoint; proceed northwest via airline route to the endpoint of Claybourne Street; proceed west along the centerline of Claybourne Street to the intersection with South Graham Street; proceed south along the centerline of South Graham Street to the intersection with Claybourne Street; proceed west along the centerline of Claybourne Street to the intersection with South Aiken Avenue; proceed north along the centerline of South Aiken Avenue to Centre Avenue; proceed west along the centerline of Centre Avenue to the intersection with North Neville Street; continue west along the centerline of Centre Avenue to the intersection with North Neville Street; proceed northwest via airline route to the intersection of the centerline of the Bloomfield Bridge and Lorigan Street; proceed southwest along the centerline of the Bloomfield Bridge to the intersection with Bigelow Boulevard at Blessing Street; proceed southeast along the centerline of Blessing Street to the intersection with Webster Avenue; proceed southwest via airline route to the intersection of Camp Street and Finland Street; proceed southwest along the centerline of Camp Street to the intersection with Cherokee Street; proceed southeast along the centerline of Cherokee Street to the intersection with Iowa Street; proceed southwest along the centerline of Iowa Street to the point where Iowa Street becomes Ewart Drive; proceed west and then south on Ewart Drive to the intersection with Centre Avenue; proceed west along the centerline of Centre Avenue to the intersection with Robinson Extension; proceed south along the centerline of Robinson Extension to the point where Robinson Extension becomes Champions Drive; proceed southwest along the centerline of Champions Drive to the point where it becomes Robinson Street; proceed south along the centerline of Robinson Street to the point where it crosses Allequippa Street; continue south along the centerline of Robinson Street to the intersection with Terrace Street; proceed west along the centerline of Terrace Street to the intersection with Burrows Street; proceed south and west along the centerline of Burrows Street to the intersection with Bentley Drive; proceed west along the centerline of Bentley Drive to the intersection with High Way; proceed southwest along the centerline of High Way to the intersection with Nigh Way; proceed west along the centerline of Nigh Way to the intersection with Lombard Street; proceed south along the centerline of Lombard Street to its endpoint; proceed southeast via airline route to the endpoint of Colwell Street; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Jumonville Street; proceed south along the centerline of Jumonville Street to the intersection with the Boulevard of the Allies; proceed south via airline route to a point in the middle of the Monongahela River; proceed east, south and north along the centerline of the Monongahela River to a point opposite

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the intersection of MacFarren Street and Nine Mile Run; proceed northwest via airline route from the middle of the Monongahela River to the intersection of MacFarren Street and Nine Mile Run; proceed north via airline route to the endpoint of Etwein Street; proceed north via airline route to the intersection of Overton Lane and the southern lane of Parkview Boulevard; proceed northeast along the centerline of the southern lane of Parkview Boulevard to the intersection at Fairstead Lane; proceed northeast along the centerline of Parkview Boulevard to its endpoint; proceed northeast via airline route to the intersection of the centerline of the Penn-Lincoln Parkway (Interstate 376) and Commercial Street; proceed north along the centerline of Commercial Street to the point where it becomes Forward Avenue; proceed west along the centerline of Forward Avenue to the intersection with Beechwood Boulevard; proceed south and west along the centerline of Beechwood Boulevard to the intersection with Morrowfield Avenue and Tilbury Avenue; proceed northwest along the centerline of Morrowfield Avenue to the intersection with Shady Avenue; proceed southwest along the centerline of Shady Avenue to the intersection with Morrowfield Avenue; proceed northwest along the centerline of Morrowfield Avenue to the intersection with Murray Avenue; proceed northeast along the centerline of Murray Avenue to the intersection with Beacon Street; proceed east along the centerline of Beacon Street to the intersection with Shady Avenue; proceed north along the centerline of Shady Avenue to the intersection with Fifth Avenue, the point of beginning.

This decree becomes effective at 12:01 AM on July 1, 2020, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Finally, those who have the right may appeal this decree in accordance with the prescriptions of the law.

Given at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this 22nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord 2020.

+ David A. Zubik
Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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