



MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR  
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

**DECREE**  
**ERECTING THE QUASI-PARISH OF SAINT ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC**  
**IN WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, a community of Vietnamese Catholics has existed for some years in Hartford, Connecticut, now needing greater pastoral care beyond its existence as an informal group with a chaplain, most recently worshipping within the Parish of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla in West Hartford; while at the same time the size and resources of the community do not yet warrant establishment as a parish; and

WHEREAS, following a request from this Vietnamese community and its Chaplain, the Secretariat for Pastoral Services of the Archdiocese, after consulting the Pastor of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, as well as other persons and groups, recommended establishing a quasi-parish; and

WHEREAS, the Presbyteral Council was consulted on October 29, 2018, in accordance with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law in relation to the erection of parishes and posed no objection; and having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired,

I HEREBY DECREE, in accord with canons 116, 515 §2 & 516 §1 of the Code of Canon Law, the establishment of a quasi-parish, to be named Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc.

The rights and obligations of this Quasi-Parish and its relation to Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, including relative to the temporal goods, have been explicated in a *Memorandum of Understanding* with the Archdiocese of Hartford and a *Use Agreement* with Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Parish. Saint Mark the Evangelist Church and premises in West Hartford, shall be used for divine worship and be the seat of administrative matters and records of the Quasi-Parish. According to canon 516 §1 a proper pastor (*sacerdos*) will be appointed for Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc and in accord with canon 518 it is considered a personal quasi-parish. Future assessments will consider whether to modify Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc to form a parish.

This decree becomes effective on November 24, 2018, prior to which the substance of it is to be communicated to parishioners at the aforementioned parish, including by way of a display in an appropriate place so that parishioners can read it as they enter or exit the church. It will also be available on the website [stewardsfortomorrow.org](http://stewardsfortomorrow.org). Canonical recourse may be made within the

peremptory time limit of ten (10) business days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (CIC canon 1734 §2).

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November in the Year of Our Lord 2018.



Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford



Reverend Ryan M. Lerner  
Chancellor