



**MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR  
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD**

**DECREE  
ON THE AMALGAMATION OF THE PARISHES OF SAINT AUGUSTINE  
AND SAINT ANNE/IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, OF HARTFORD,  
CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, the Presbyteral Council was consulted on May 1, 2017, in accord with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law in relation to the modification of parishes and posed no objection; the intention or will of donors, any restrictions on assets, including land, as well as any acquired rights, have been examined and taken into consideration;

WHEREAS, Saint Augustine Parish was erected in 1902 and Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception in 2000 as a multi-ethnic Parish, resulting from the merger of two parishes with those respective names; but Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception has experienced a significant decrease in sacramental attendance and is operating in debt, and Saint Augustine and Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception already share a pastor and other pastoral and material resources, and considering the overall presence of other parishes in the Hartford area,

WHEREAS, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired,


I HEREBY DECREE, following from canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, the amalgamation of Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception Parish, by which it is subsumed into Saint Augustine Parish; the separate juridic (legal) personality of Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception Parish will cease to exist and will no longer be a subject of obligations and rights under canon law; Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception church building will remain at present as a sacred place for divine worship but with no regularly scheduled masses.

The administration of the church buildings and premises will be based at Saint Augustine Parish. The assets and liabilities of the former Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception Parish will become the assets and liabilities of Saint Augustine Parish. The sacramental registers along with any other parish records and historical documents shall be preserved at the premises of Saint Augustine Parish. The territorial boundaries of Saint Augustine Parish will henceforth be the combined boundaries of it and the former Parish of Saint Anne/Immaculate Conception.

This decree becomes effective as of June 29, 2017, prior to which the substance of it is to be communicated to parishioners at the aforementioned parishes, including the 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*. 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 2nd day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2017.

  
Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford

  
Reverend Ryan M. Lerner  
Chancellor