



MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

DECREE
ON THE AMALGAMATION OF OUR LADY OF POMPEII PARISH AND
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH AND SAINT CLARE PARISH,
ALL LOCATED IN EAST HAVEN, 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, Our Lady of Pompeii Parish was established in 1957, Saint Vincent de Paul Parish was erected in 1914 and Saint Clare in 1947; a recommendation was made to merge Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Claire into Our Lady of Pompeii Parish for the following reasons:

- 1) The number of registered households at Saint Clare has significantly declined in the last five years (about 19%),
- 2) The financial support of Saint Clare has substantially diminished, leading to projected financial hardship in the future.
- 3) When merged the parishes in East Haven will be able to adequately attend to the faithful in the area.

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


I HEREBY DECREE an amalgamation, following from canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, by which the parishes of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Clare are subsumed into Our Lady of Pompeii Parish; the separate juridic (legal) personality of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish and Saint Clare Parish will cease to exist, and they will no longer be subjects of obligations and rights under canon law; Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Clare church buildings will remain at present as a sacred place for divine worship but with no regularly scheduled Masses at Saint Clare. Our Lady of Pompeii Parish will henceforth be named as Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish.

The administration of the church buildings and premises will be based at Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish. The assets and liabilities of the former Saint Vincent de Paul Parish and Saint Clare Parish will become the assets and liabilities of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish. The sacramental registers along with any other parish records and historical documents, shall be preserved at Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish. The territorial boundaries of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish will henceforth be the combined boundaries of it and that of the former Saint Vincent de Paul Parish and Saint Clare Parish.

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