



MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR  
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

### **DECREE**

This decree concerns the extinctive union involving the Parishes of Saint Anne, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka, of Waterbury, Connecticut.

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Hartford has had to undertake a planning process in relation to its parishes and churches;

WHEREAS, Saint Anne Parish was erected in 1886, Our Lady of Lourdes in 1899 as an Italian Parish, Saint Lucy in 1926 also as an Italian Parish, Sacred Heart in 1885, Saint Margaret in 1910, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka as a Polish Parish in 1913; but the ethnic communities for which three of these Parishes were created no longer exist in large part, while Saint Stanislaus Kostka has only about 34 registered households and Sacred Heart 310; there has been a decrease in Mass attendance and other sacramental attendance (e.g., baptisms, marriages) at most of the Parishes; and there are not enough priestly personnel to serve as pastors at these parishes and presently four of them have administrators; and considering that these parishes are within a several mile radius of one another, some even a mile or less, and also considering the overall number of Parishes in Waterbury, it seems most prudent and necessary for the future of the Catholic community in Waterbury to combine these communities and their respective resources;

WHEREAS, 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. 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;

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

I HEREBY DECREE the amalgamation of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parishes, following from canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, by which they are subsumed into Saint Anne Parish; the separate juridic (legal) personalities of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parishes will cease to exist and will no longer be subjects of obligations

and rights under canon law; Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka church buildings will remain at present as sacred places for divine worship but there will be no regularly scheduled masses at Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka. Saint Anne will henceforth be named as All Saints/Todos Los Santos Parish.

The administration of the church buildings and premises will be based at All Saints/Todos Los Santos Parish. The assets and liabilities of the former Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parishes will become the assets and liabilities of All Saints/Todos Los Santos Parish. The sacramental registers along with any other parish records and historical documents, shall be preserved at All Saints/Todos Los Santos Parish. The territorial boundaries of All Saints/Todos Los Santos Parish will henceforth be the combined boundaries of it and the former Parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, Saint Lucy, Saint Margaret, and Saint Stanislaus Kostka.

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