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Diocese of Worcester  
Office of the Bishop  
49 Elm Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

### DECREE

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

The parish of Saint Anthony di Padua is located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Its parish church is situated at 84 Salem Street, Fitchburg. This parish serves the pastoral needs of the Italian-American community of the city of Fitchburg and its environs.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee has recommended to me that the canonical status of Saint Anthony di Padua Parish be changed from a personal parish to a territorial one and to establish boundaries. Such a reconfiguration, the Committee believes, will better and more effectively serve the spiritual and sacramental needs of Catholic community in the city of Fitchburg. They also recommend that the name of the parish be changed to Saint Anthony of Padua to reflect its new territorial status.

In view of this recommendation, and after hearing the parties mandated by law, most especially the Presbyteral Council, in accord with canon 515, §2, of the Code of Canon Law, I, the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, holding before me my pastoral responsibilities to this particular church, hereby declare and decree the following:

- A new parish entity, retaining the name Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, is hereby created, in accord with canon 515, §2; the parish will worship at Saint Anthony di Padua Church;
- This newly created parish will be a territorial parish with the following boundaries in the city of Fitchburg: Starting at Main Street at Rollstone Street then east along Main Street to the Intermodal Transport Center (MBTA Depot) and southeast along the MBTA tracks to John Cetrino Drive. West on John Cetrino Drive to Water Street, then south on Water Street to Birch Street. West on Birch Street to Heywood Street, continuing west on Heywood Street to Canton Street, then south on Canton Street to Romano Avenue, then west on Romano Avenue to South Street, then north on South Street to Electric Avenue. Continuing west on Electric Avenue to Mount Elam Road, then north on Mount Elam Road to Rollstone Street, then north on Rollstone Street to Main Street;
- Saint Anthony of Padua Parish will enjoy public juridic personality by the law itself, in accord with canon 515, §3.

The effective date of this decree is July 1, 2010 at 12:01 a.m.

I order that this decree be published.

Given at Worcester, Massachusetts, in the halls of the Chancery, this the twenty third day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand ten.

*Robert J. McManus*

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, D.D., S.T.D.  
Bishop of Worcester

*Thomas J. Sullivan*

Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan  
Chancellor