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By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF PITTSBURGH
DECREE

THE EXTINCTIVE UNION OF
SAINT ATHANASIUS PARISH,
INCARNATION OF THE LORD PARISH,
SAINT SEBASTIAN PARISH,
AND SAINT TERESA OF AVILA PARISH
INTO
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

Whereas, during the winter of 1906 to 1907, local Catholics of the West View neighborhood met to plan for their own parish, and, after petitioning the bishop, Saint Athanasius Parish was established on July 8, 1907.

Whereas, Incarnation of the Lord Parish was established on May 30, 1993 by the merger of Annunciation and Nativity parishes.

Whereas, as a result of the migration of population from the city of Pittsburgh to the North Hills following World War II, Saint Sebastian Parish was founded on June 26, 1952.

Whereas, before 1864, the Catholics of Perrysville had to travel to Wexford or Allegheny City to attend Mass, and as the Catholic population of Perrysville was growing at the time, Saint Teresa of Avila Parish was founded in 1867.

Whereas, information regarding the future of the parishes has been consistently communicated to the parishioners in the weekly, combined parish bulletin, on the parish website, and at announcements during weekend Masses.

Whereas, parish assemblies were held on March 7, 8, 14, and 15, 2020 to provide information to the people of the parishes and to receive parishioner input regarding the possible merger of the parishes.

Whereas on April 2, 2020, four (4) petitions were presented to the diocesan bishop, each signed by the one priest who serves as Administrator of Saint Athanasius Parish, Incarnation of the Lord Parish, Saint Sebastian Parish, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, along with the signatures of the respective Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils requesting that Saint Athanasius Parish, Incarnation of the Lord Parish, Saint Sebastian Parish, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish be merged into Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish forming an extinctive union.

Whereas merging these parishes will provide more vibrant and effective ministries to the faithful and, because of the fewer number of priests in the diocese and faithful in the territory, forming one parish will facilitate a stronger community of the faithful for liturgical worship, ministry, and outreach.

Therefore, having received the petition of the four (4) parishes and having heard the Presbyteral Council on May 7, 2020 and the Vicars General on the same day, and with no harm coming to the good of souls and indeed for the spiritual benefit of the faithful, and all of the requirements of canons 50, 51, 127, 166, and 515 having been fulfilled, we do hereby decree the following:

1. By means of an extinctive union Saint Athanasius Parish, Incarnation of the Lord Parish, Saint Sebastian Parish, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish are merged and subsumed into the newly formed Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, which is erected by this decree according to the prescriptions of canon 515§ 2 of the *Code of Canon Law*.
2. In accordance with the norms of law (cf. canon 121), all assets, responsibilities and liabilities of Saint Athanasius Parish, Incarnation of the Lord Parish, Saint Sebastian Parish, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish are transferred into the newly erected Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. The intention of donors is to be respected.
3. Furthermore, the voluntary offerings of the faithful and all other grants that have been made and will be made to the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel constitute its revenue.
4. All sacramental records from Saint Athanasius Parish, Incarnation of the Lord Parish, Saint Sebastian Parish, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish will be housed at the Archives and Records Center of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
5. All churches are to remain open to the faithful for at least occasional sacred worship, whether public or private (cf. can. 1214). If a church is not used for regular public worship, the holy Mass is to be celebrated there at least every year on the solemnity of the anniversary of the church's dedication and on the solemnity of the church's title, in accord with current liturgical norms (cf. can. 1167 §2 and 1168 of the former Code of Canon Law, and can. 2 of the present Code). If such an observance is impeded by another date of higher

rank according to the Roman calendar, the impeded solemnity is to be transferred to the first available date thereafter.

6. All present members of Saint Athanasius Parish, Incarnation of the Lord Parish, Saint Sebastian Parish, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish are entitled to be parishioners Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish according to the universal law and legitimate custom within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
7. The boundaries of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish shall be as follows:


BEGINNING at the point of beginning at the intersection of the McCandless Township border and Rochester Road, proceed north along the centerline of Rochester Road to the intersection with Village Drive; proceed northeast along the centerline of Village Drive to its endpoint; proceed northeast via airline route to the endpoint of Wittmer Road; proceed north along the centerline of Wittmer Road to the intersection with Sloop Road; proceed east along the centerline of Sloop Road to the intersection with Highland Road; proceed south along the centerline of Highland Road to the intersection with Old Perry Highway; proceed south along the centerline of Old Perry Highway to the intersection with Perry Highway (US Route 19); proceed south along the centerline of Perry Highway (US Route 19) to the intersection with Perrymont Road; proceed east and north along the centerline of Perrymont Road to the intersection with the eastern lane of Babcock Boulevard; proceed north along the centerline of the eastern lane of Babcock Boulevard; proceed north and east along the centerline of Babcock Boulevard to the intersection with Duncan Avenue; proceed east along the centerline of Duncan Avenue to the intersection with Thompson Run Road; proceed south along the centerline of Thompson Run Road to the intersection with White Oak Drive; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of Autumnwood Drive and Hodil Road; proceed southeast via airline route to the northern endpoint of President Drive; proceed south via airline route to the endpoint of Garden Lane; proceed south via airline route to the Shaler Township border; proceed south along the Shaler Township border to the intersection with Wetzel Road; proceed west along the centerline of Wetzel Road to the intersection with Wible Run Road; proceed southwest via airline route to the intersection of Anderson Road and Hahn Road; proceed southwest along the centerline of Hahn Road to the intersection with Babcock Boulevard; proceed south along the centerline of Babcock Boulevard to the intersection with Peoples Road; proceed southwest along the centerline of Peoples Road until it becomes Evergreen Road; proceed south along the centerline of Evergreen Road to the intersection with Ivory Avenue; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of the City of Pittsburgh-Reserve Township border and Faber Street; proceed east along the centerline of Faber Street to the intersection with Faber Terrace; proceed east via airline route to Spring Garden Avenue; proceed south along the centerline of Spring Garden Avenue to the intersection with Williams Road; proceed south and west along the centerline of Williams Road to the intersection with Sunset Avenue; proceed south along the centerline of Sunset Avenue to the intersection with Essen Street; proceed west along the centerline of Essen Street to the beginning of the Swindell Bridge; proceed west along the centerline of the Swindell Bridge to the south bound lanes of Interstate 279; proceed south along the centerline of the southbound lanes of Interstate 279 to the intersection with Suffolk Street; proceed southwest along the centerline of Suffolk Street to the intersection with Hazelton Street; continue southwest via airline route to the point at which Lafayette Avenue becomes Red Way; proceed west along the centerline of Lafayette Avenue to the intersection with Perrysville Avenue; proceed south


and west along the centerline of Perrysville Avenue to the intersection with McClintock Avenue; proceed southwest via airline route to the intersection of Brighton Road and Brightridge Street; proceed northwest along the centerline of Brighton Road to the intersection with Marshall Avenue (US Route 19); proceed northeast along the centerline of Marshall Avenue (US Route 19) to the intersection with Palisade Lane; proceed north along the centerline of Palisade Lane to its endpoint; proceed northwest via airline route to the intersection with Kilbuck Road and Grand Avenue; proceed northwest via airline route to the southern endpoint of Riverview Drive; proceed northwest via airline route to the intersection of Woods Run Avenue and Birkhoff Street; proceed northeast along the centerline of Woods Run Avenue until it becomes Oakdale Street; proceed northwest along the centerline of Oakdale Street to the intersection with Tulia Street; proceed southwest via airline route to the endpoint of Edwin Street; proceed southwest via airline route to the intersection of Flora Street and Transvaal Avenue; proceed northwest along the centerline of Transvaal Avenue to the intersection with Bascom Avenue; proceed northwest via airline route to the endpoint of Oak Drive; proceed northwest via airline route to the intersection of Jacks Run Road and Denny Park Drive; proceed west along the centerline of Jacks Run Road to the intersection with Longmont Drive; proceed north along the centerline of Jacks Run Road to the intersection with Bellevue Road; proceed west along the centerline of Bellevue Road to the intersection with Cornell Avenue Extension; proceed north along the centerline of Cornell Avenue Extension to the intersection with Forest Avenue; proceed northwest via airline route to the intersection of Union Avenue and William Street; proceed south along the centerline of Union Avenue to a point directly east of the intersection of the Avalon Borough-Ross Township-Bellevue Borough-Kilbuck Township border; proceed west via airline route to the Avalon Borough-Ross Township-Bellevue Borough-Kilbuck Township border; proceed north along the Ross Township border to the McCandless Township border; proceed east on the McCandless Township border to the intersection with Rochester Road, the point of beginning.

This decree becomes effective at 12:01 AM on July 1, 2020, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Finally, those who have the right may appeal this decree in accordance with the prescriptions of the law.

Given at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, this 22nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord 2020.

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh


Ellen Mady
Chancellor