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

THE EXTINGTIVE UNION OF
SAINT IRENAEUS PARISH, SAINT JANUARIUS PARISH,
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, SAINT JOSEPH PARISH, AND
OUR LADY OF JOY PARISH
INTO
HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Whereas, in the early years of the twentieth century, Catholics living in Oakmont petitioned the bishop for their own parish and, in 1907, Saint Irenaeus Parish was formed.

Whereas, Saint Januarius was founded as a mission in 1925 of the Missionary Confraternity of Christian Doctrine before being given over to the care of the Superintendent of St. Anthony Village in October of 1946. Saint Januarius became an independent parish in 1973.

Whereas, Saint John the Baptist was established in 1911 as a mission of the Missionary Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. In 1915, the parish became independent with the appointment of a resident pastor on October 25

Whereas, Saint Joseph began in 1866 as a mission church of St. Philomena Parish before becoming independent in 1873.

Whereas, Our Lady of Victory was founded in June of 1968 in response to the growth of population in the suburban community of Holiday Park.

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, a parish assembly was held on March 12, 2020, to provide information to the people of the parishes and to receive parishioner input regarding the possible merger of the parishes.

Whereas on March 25, 2020, five (5) petitions were presented to the diocesan bishop, each signed by the one priest who serves as Administrator of Saint Irenaeus Parish, Saint Januarius Parish, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Saint Joseph Parish, and Our Lady of Joy Parish, along with the signatures of the respective Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils requesting that Saint Irenaeus Parish, Saint Januarius Parish, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Saint Joseph Parish, and Our Lady of Joy Parish be merged into Holy Family 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 five (5) 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 Irenaeus Parish, Saint Januarius Parish, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Saint Joseph Parish, and Our Lady of Joy Parish are merged and subsumed into the newly formed Our Lady of the Lakes 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 Irenaeus Parish, Saint Januarius Parish, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Saint Joseph Parish, and Our Lady of Joy Parish are transferred into the newly erected Our Lady of the Lakes 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 the Lakes constitute its revenue.
4. All sacramental records from Saint Irenaeus Parish, Saint Januarius Parish, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Saint Joseph Parish, and Our Lady of Joy

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 Irenaeus Parish, Saint Januarius Parish, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Saint Joseph Parish, and Our Lady of Joy Parish are entitled to be parishioners Our Lady of the Lakes Parish according to the universal law and legitimate custom within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
7. The boundaries of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish shall be as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of beginning at the intersection of Sandy Creek Road (PA Route 130) and Verona Road, proceed east along the centerline of Verona Road to the intersection with Hudson Street; proceed east along the centerline of Saltsburg Road to the intersection with Stephen Lane; proceed east along the centerline of Stephen Lane to Saltsburg Road; proceed east along the centerline of Saltsburg Road to the intersection with Sherwood Drive; proceed northeast via airline route to the intersection of Poketa Road and Claymont Drive; proceed northwest along the centerline of Claymont Drive to Shannon Heights Drive; proceed east along the centerline of Shannon Heights Drive to Shannon Road; proceed north along the centerline of Shannon Road to Dalecrest Road; proceed north via airline route to the intersection of Kansas Street and Return Road; proceed northeast along the centerline of Kansas Street to its endpoint; proceed northeast via airline route to the intersection of the Plum Borough, Oakmont Borough, and Penn Hills Township borders; proceed east along the Plum Borough-Penn Hills Township border to the intersection with Hulton Road; proceed northeast via airline route to the endpoint of Morath Lane; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of Billy Drive and Loretta Drive; proceed southwest along the centerline of Billy Drive to its endpoint; proceed southwest via airline route to the intersection of Leechburg Road and Cloverleaf Road; proceed east and north along the centerline of Leechburg Road to the intersection with Milltown Road; proceed southeast along the centerline of Leechburg Road to the intersection with Railroad Street; proceed south along the centerline of Railroad Street to the point where the street splits; proceed south along the centerline of Railroad Street its endpoint; proceed south via airline route to the intersection of Meadow Avenue and North Meadow Avenue; proceed south along the centerline of Meadow Avenue to its endpoint; proceed southwest via airline route to the

intersection of Palmetto Drive and Pecan Drive; proceed southwest along the centerline of Palmetto Drive to its endpoint; proceed south via airline route to the intersection of Lott Road and Thompson Run Road; proceed south along the centerline of Thompson Run Road to its intersection with the Penn Hills Township-Municipality of Monroeville border; proceed northeast along the Penn Hills Township-Municipality of Monroeville border to the southern border of Plum Borough with the Municipality of Monroeville; proceed east along the Plum Borough-Municipality of Monroeville border to the Allegheny County-Westmoreland County border; proceed north and west along the Allegheny County-Westmoreland County border to the middle of the Allegheny River; proceed west and south along the middle of the Allegheny River, when approaching islands in the river, proceed down the middle of the Allegheny River along the northern/western side of the islands; proceed down the middle of the Allegheny River to a point directly opposite the intersection of Allegheny River Boulevard and Sandy Creek Road; take an airline route to the point of intersection of Allegheny River Boulevard and Sandy Creek Road; proceed southeast along the centerline of Sandy Creek Road to 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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