



**Joint Declaration Between
The Saint Pio Foundation
&
Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral**

WHEREAS, the Saint Pio Foundation and the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral have the goal to promote in their respective community the teachings of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, universally acclaimed as one of the most venerated contemporary saints of the Catholic Church; and,

WHEREAS the Saint Pio Foundation and the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral wish to enter into this agreement in order to strengthen and consolidate the ties of friendship and cooperation which have developed between their respective administrations and community; and,

WHEREAS the Saint Pio Foundation and the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral are convinced that these goals can be achieved through collaboration and the mutual exchange of information, knowledge, and experience in the above mentioned areas; then

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saint Pio Foundation and the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral in consideration of mutual promises, do hereby agree to seek fully and faithfully the achievement of the following goals:

Section I: Voluntary Cooperation

The Saint Pio Foundation and the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral agree to collaborate in the development of common initiatives and projects that support educational, social, and cultural projects, which enhance the awareness of Saint Pio and his charism, by establishing a first Padre Pio Week that will take place on September 2018, at the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral.

Section II: Terms

In particular, The Saint Pio Foundation and the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral will:

- a) Promote visits of representatives from their respective community in order to improve the exchange of information, knowledge, and experience in the above referenced fields;
- b) Organize and facilitate meetings of representatives of their respective community in order to identify the best way to implement the provisions of this voluntary cooperation agreement.

Section III: Miscellaneous Provisions

Any financial support to the programs set forth by this voluntary cooperation agreement shall be freely decided by each party, and each party shall not be obliged to match the other party's financial commitment.



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The Saint Pio Foundation donates at its own expense the statue "I Absolve You" depicting Jesus on the cross and Padre Pio in confession, created by Canadian artist Timothy Schmaltz, that will be placed on the property of the Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral (in front of 261 Mulberry Street). The statue will be presented to the public on September 16, 2018, by kicking-off the Padre Pio Week.

The Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral will support the initiatives of the Saint Pio Foundation during the Padre Pio Week, and will provide security, cleaning and maintenance of the statue for the full period in which the statue will be displayed on its property.

This voluntary cooperation agreement shall be subject to the national and local laws and regulations of each party and shall take effect upon execution and approval by the hereinafter named officials.

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED on September 16, 2018, in English version.

FOR THE SAINT PIO FOUNDATION

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BASILICA OF SAINT PATRICK'S OLD
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