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

DECREE

THE EXTINGTIVE UNION OF
HOLY ANGELS PARISH, HOLY APOSTLES PARISH, AND
SAINT SYLVESTER PARISH
INTO
BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

Whereas, at the turn of the twentieth century, Catholics in Hays were attending Mass at either Holy Cross Parish on the South Side or traveled to Saint Mary Magdalene, but the growth of the population led the people to petition the bishop to establish Holy Angels Parish in 1903.

Whereas, Holy Apostles Parish came into existence on September 1, 2016 by the merger of Saint Albert the Great Parish, Saint Basil Parish, Saint Norbert Parish, and Saint Wendelin Parish in order to better serve the pastoral needs of the people of Carrick, Baldwin, and Overbrook.

Whereas, Saint Sylvester was established as a mission of Saint Wendelin Parish in 1924 as a response to the wishes of Catholics in Brentwood and was erected as an independent parish in February of 1928.

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 2 and 3, 2020, to provide information to the people of the parishes and to receive parishioner input regarding the possible merger of the parishes.

Whereas on May 1, 2020, three (3) petitions were presented to the diocesan bishop, each signed by the one priest who serves as Administrator of Holy Angels Parish, Holy Apostles Parish, and Saint Sylvester Parish, along with the signatures of the respective Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils requesting that Holy Angels Parish, Holy Apostles Parish, and Saint Sylvester Parish be merged into Blessed Trinity 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 three (3) 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 Holy Angels Parish, Holy Apostles Parish, and Saint Sylvester Parish are merged and subsumed into the newly formed Blessed Trinity 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 Holy Angels Parish, Holy Apostles Parish, and Saint Sylvester Parish are transferred into the newly erected Blessed Trinity 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 Blessed Trinity constitute its revenue.
4. All sacramental records from Holy Angels Parish, Holy Apostles Parish, and Saint Sylvester 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 Holy Angels Parish, Holy Apostles Parish, and Saint Sylvester Parish are entitled to be parishioners Blessed Trinity Parish according to the universal law and legitimate custom within the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
7. The boundaries of Blessed Trinity Parish shall be as follows:

BEGINNING at the point of intersection with Saw Mill Run Boulevard (PA Route 51) and Bausman Street, proceed east along the centerline of Bausman Street to the intersection with Brownsville Road; proceed north along Brownsville Road to the intersection with Hays Avenue; proceed south along the centerline of Hays Avenue to the intersection with Penn Avenue; proceed east along the centerline of Penn Avenue; at Otillia Street, Penn Avenue becomes Parkwood Road; proceed east along the centerline of Parkwood Road (between the address of 920 and 923 there is no vehicular traffic) to the intersection with Bajo Street; proceed southwest via airline route to the intersection with Wagner Street and Becks Run Road; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of Penn Street and Orchard Drive; proceed northeast via airline route to the endpoint of Susquehanna Street; proceed northeast via airline route to the northernmost point of Baldwin Borough at the centerline of the Monongahela River; proceed east along the centerline of the Monongahela River to a point opposite the intersection with West 7th Avenue (PA Route 837) and Parry Street; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of West 7th Avenue (PA Route 837) and Parry Street; proceed in the same direction via airline route to the West Homestead Borough-City of Pittsburgh border; proceed east and south along the West Homestead Borough-City of Pittsburgh border to the intersection with Pinewood Drive; proceed west via airline route to the intersection of Ingot Avenue and Girder Street; proceed south via airline route to the intersection of Mifflin Road and Lebanon Road; proceed southeast along the centerline of Mifflin Road to the intersection with Buttermilk Hollow Road; proceed southwest along the centerline of Buttermilk Hollow Road to the intersection with Lebanon Church Road; proceed west along the centerline of Lebanon Church Road to the intersection with Delwar Road; proceed north via airline route to the intersection of Brentwood Road and Streets Run Road; proceed northwest along the centerline of Brentwood Road to the intersection with the southeastern Brentwood Borough-Baldwin Borough border; proceed west along the southeastern Brentwood Borough border to the intersection with Clairton Boulevard (PA Route 51); proceed north along the centerline of Clairton Boulevard (PA Route 51) to the intersection with Brownsville Road; proceed west along the centerline of Brownsville Road to the intersection with Provost Road; proceed north along the centerline of Provost Road to the intersection with Frank Street; proceed northwest via airline route to the intersection of McRoberts Road and Weyman Road; proceed west along the centerline of McRoberts Road to the intersection with 6th Street; proceed northwest along the centerline of 6th Street to the intersection with Library Road (PA Route 88); proceed northwest along the centerline of Library Road (PA Route 88) to the intersection with McNeilly Road; proceed northeast via airline

route to the endpoint of Transport Street; proceed northwest via airline route to the deadend of Robertson Avenue (at Dippen Avenue); proceed northeast via airline route to the intersection of Bernard Street and Aaron Avenue; proceed northeast along the centerline of Aaron Avenue to the intersection with Jacob Street; proceed southeast via airline route to the intersection of Saw Mill Run Boulevard (PA Route 51) and Englert Street; proceed north along the centerline of Saw Mill Run Boulevard (PA Route 51) to the intersection with Bausman Street, 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

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