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By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

DECREE
CHANGING THE DECREE ON THE MERGER OF THE PARISH
OF SAINT PETER, STATEN ISLAND, NY, WITH THE EARLIER
MERGED PARISH OF ASSUMPTION AND SAINT PAUL,
STATEN ISLAND, NY

Whereas on November 2, 2014, the decree on the merger of the parish of Saint Peter, Staten Island, NY, with the earlier merged parish of Assumption and Saint Paul, Staten Island, NY, was issued;

Whereas the need to make some minor changes to foresaid decree has surfaced;

Whereas the church of Saint Paul is the size of a small chapel located in the elementary school;

Whereas the church of Assumption is a free standing building with a seating capacity of almost 300;

Whereas the sacramental activity at the church of Saint Paul has diminished;

Whereas the area surrounding the church of Assumption has seen a large influx of Hispanics;

Whereas the facilities at the church of Assumption can accommodate the increasing number of children in the Religious Education Program;

Whereas the facilities at the church of Assumption can likewise accommodate the pastoral and social programs needed to minister to the people;

Therefore, I, the undersigned Archbishop of New York, have decided as follows:

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1. Number 3 of said decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

3. The church of Assumption will maintain a regular schedule of Masses and the celebration of other sacraments.

2. Number 4 of said decree is hereby amended to read as follows:

4. The church of Saint Paul remains open for public and private worship. Mass will be celebrated on the anniversary of the dedication of the church and of its patronal feast. Masses and other sacraments will be celebrated as provided by the pastor of the newly merged parish.

This decree will be effective immediately.

All those who claim to have been aggrieved by this decree are herewith notified that, if they desire to file recourse against our decree, they are required, *ad validitatem*, to submit a petition in the sense of canon 1734 §1 to us within ten useful days from the legitimate notification of this decree.

Given at the Chancery, New York, NY, this 26th day of July, 2016, Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne.



Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



Rev. Msgr. Greg Mustaciuolo
Chancellor