



DECREE

In accordance with canons 50, 120 §1, 121, and 515 of the Code of Canon Law and after having consulted the Presbyteral Council and members of the faithful of the concerned parishes, I hereby decree that Saint Roch Parish in Saint Louis, Missouri, is amalgamated into Christ the King Parish in University City, Missouri.

I further decree that the territory formerly belonging to Saint Roch Parish is subsumed into Christ the King Parish. Christ the King Parish obtains the temporal goods, patrimonial rights, and obligations which formerly belonged to Saint Roch Parish (canon 121). While Saint Roch Church remains a sacred edifice to which the faithful have the right of entry (canon 1214), Christ the King Church is the Parish Church. I direct that all ecclesiastical records of Saint Roch Parish be forwarded to the Archives of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

The following are the reasons in summary form for Saint Roch Parish being amalgamated into Christ the King Parish (canon 51).

1. Saint Roch Parish has 295 Catholic households.
2. In 2013, 261 members of the faithful were present for the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays, but now there are 121 members of the faithful present.
3. The parish operated at a financial deficit in each of the past five years, with an aggregate deficit in excess of 1 million dollars for those years, despite receiving grants from the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.
4. The parish has averaged 8 infant baptisms and 6 funerals annually for the past five years.

This Decree is effective August 1, 2023. Its official notification is its publication on the website of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on May 28, 2023.

I direct that the Pastor of Saint Roch Parish and the Pastor of Christ the King Parish announce at all Masses on the weekend of May 27-28, 2023, that this Decree has been published on the website of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis (allthingsnew.archstl.org). I ask the Pastor and the faithful of Christ the King Parish to make every effort to welcome warmly the members of the former Saint Roch Parish.

Any member of Saint Roch Parish who claims to have been aggrieved by this Decree has the right to seek its revocation or emendation (canon 1734). This request must be made in writing and postmarked no later than June 12, 2023, to the Most Reverend Archbishop of Saint Louis, Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63119.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, this twenty-fourth day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, 2023.

+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of Saint Louis

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Very Reverend Philip J. Bené, J.C.D.
Notary

