



## DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

### DECREE AND ORDER

Whereas:

Blessed Sacrament Parish (est. 1960) and Holy Trinity Parish (est. 1868) are the two yoked parishes that serve the faithful in and around the city of Greenfield, Massachusetts,

And the Catholic population in Greenfield has dropped and the number of priests in the diocese has dropped as well,

And the pastor of the yoked parishes has canvassed the parishes' parish councils and finance counsels,

And the councils of each parish have agreed that the parishes should merge into one parish,

And the pastor of the yoked parishes has agreed with and accepted their advice,

And the pastor has asked the Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield to merge the parishes extintively into a single new parish,

And the presbyteral council of the diocese in council assembled heard the matter and after discussion agreed that the bishop should, in fact, merge the two parishes into a single parish,

THEREFORE I, Most Reverend William Draper Byrne, Bishop of Springfield, DEFINE, DECLARE and DECREE that:


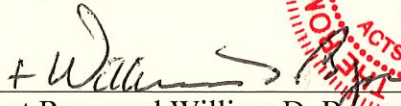
In the city of Greenfield, Massachusetts, Blessed Sacrament Parish, and Holy Trinity Parish are hereby merged into the single parish of BLESSED TRINITY PARISH, with all canonical effect, and

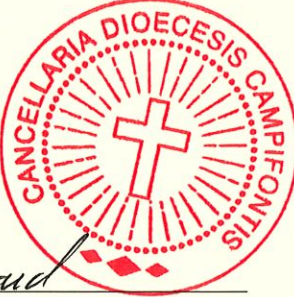
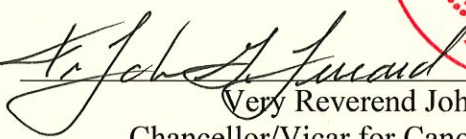
The two churches, Blessed Sacrament Church and Holy Trinity Church, retain their names and remain open to the faithful, and

All sacramental and financial records are to be kept in one location.

*It is so ordered.*

Given on 15 August 2022 at Springfield.

  
  
Most Reverend William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield

  
  
Very Reverend John G. Lessard  
Chancellor/Vicar for Canonical Affairs