



## DIocese of Youngstown

David J. Bonnar

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See

**BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN**

### DECREE

For sixty - five years the Catholic Faithful of Saint Patrick Parish in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served by Saint Patrick Parish, 6397 S. R. 87, Kinsman, Ohio. During that time countless people have heard the Word of God, have worshipped and received the sacraments of the Church in the parish community. Likewise, for seventy-three years, the Catholic Faithful of Our Lady of Victory Parish in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served by Our Lady of Victory Parish in the Diocese of Youngstown, 481 S. Main Street Andover, Ohio. In an effort to reorganize the People of God in this portion of God's Kingdom, it is now necessary to make new provisions for the spiritual care of the parishioners of both Saint Patrick Parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish.

Accordingly, having carefully reviewed the pastoral statistics and studied facts compiled by the Diocese of Youngstown, after consultation with representatives of both parish communities, having heard the Presbyteral Council and acting in accord with canon 515, paragraph 2, of the Code of Canon Law; I hereby alter and merge Saint Patrick Parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish. This merger shall be effective on March 17, 2022.

All parishioners of both parishes are now members of the newly merged parish, whose name is yet to be determined. The already established territories of Saint Patrick Parish and Our Lady of Victory Parish shall be merged and fully included in the newly established parish. However, the two church buildings will retain the names of Saint Patrick and Our Lady of Victory given at the time of dedication, in accord with canon 1218.

All of the original registers containing records of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Christian Burial hitherto preserved by both parishes are now to be faithfully preserved in the newly merged parish office at 481 S. Main Street, Andover, Ohio.

All properties and assets of both parishes are now part of the amalgamation into the new merged juridic person of the new parish whose name is yet to be determined as dictated by this decree. All assets and debts shall be now shared by the newly merged parish. By way of a particular document approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese of Youngstown, the management of all assets and debts that now concern the newly merged

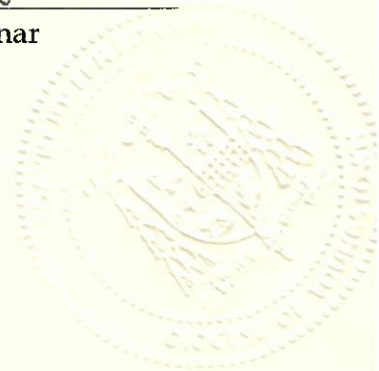
parish will be properly detailed, attentive to the principal of equity and for the common good of all concerned.

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

Given at Youngstown, Ohio, this 17<sup>th</sup>. day of March 2022.



Most Reverend David J. Bonnar  
Bishop of Youngstown



Reverend Monsignor John A. Zuraw, J.C.L.  
Chancellor



Linda Tedde  
Notary