



## DIocese of Youngstown

David J. Bonnar

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See

**BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN**

### DECREE

For twelve years the Catholic Faithful of Saint Anthony/All Saints Parish in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served at 1530 11<sup>th</sup>. Street Canton, Ohio 44707. 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 twelve years, the Catholic Faithful of Saint Mary/Saint Benedict Parish, in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served at Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Worship site and Saint Benedict Worship site in the City of Canton, 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 Saint Anthony/All Saints Parish and Saint Mary/Saint Benedict Parish.

Accordingly, having carefully reviewed the pastoral statistics and studied facts compiled by the Diocese of Youngstown, after consultation with representatives of the two 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 Anthony/All Saints Parish and Saint Mary/Saint Benedict Parish. This merger shall be effective on July 1, 2023. Now for the good of the People of God, I hereby name the newly merged parish Saint Francis of Assisi, effective July 1, 2023.

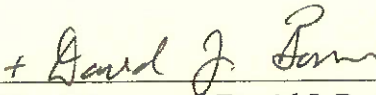
All parishioners of the two parishes are now members of the newly merged parish, whose name is Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. The already established territories of Saint Anthony/All Saints Parish and Saint Mary/Saint Benedict Parish shall be merged and fully included in the newly established parish. However, the three church buildings will retain the names of Saint Anthony, Saint Benedict, and Saint Mary given at the time of dedication, in accord with canon 1218.

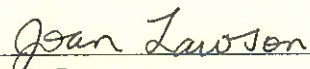
All of the original registers containing records of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Christian Burial hitherto preserved by the three parishes are now to be faithfully preserved in the newly merged parish office at 1530 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Canton, Ohio 44707.

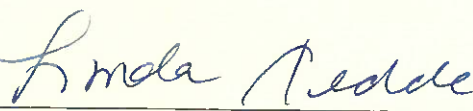
All properties and assets of the parishes are now part of the amalgamation into the new merged juridic person of the new parish called Saint Francis of Assisi. All assets and debts shall be now shared by the newly merged parish. By way of a particular document approved by the Chief Financial Officer 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

  
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Most Reverend David J. Bonnar  
Bishop of Youngstown

  
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Joan Lawson  
Chancellor

  
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Linda Tedde  
Notary