



MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

DECREE

This decree concerns the extinctive union involving the Parishes of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Mary, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus, of New Haven, Connecticut.

WHEREAS, the Archdiocese of Hartford has had to undertake a planning process in relation to its parishes and churches;

WHEREAS, the merger is a response to the letter that, I, as Archbishop of Hartford, wrote to the Catholic Faithful in the City of New Haven, in December 2021, announcing the pastoral plan for the city parishes. In the letter I indicated that the goal of the merger is to bring the priests, churches, ministries, and resources of the city together, uniting them in the hopes of creating a stronger, more vibrant Catholic community and culture. Thus, the Archdiocese was now to implement a new, united “municipal model” for the city of New Haven;

WHEREAS, Saints Aedan and Brendan was erected in 2016, Saint Anthony in 1903, Saint Martin de Porres in 1942, Saint Mary in 1832, Saint Michael in 1889, Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2017, and Saint Stanislaus in 1901, there has been a decrease in Mass attendance and other sacramental attendance (e.g. baptisms, marriages) at most of the Parishes; and there are not enough priestly personnel to serve as pastors at these parishes and presently three of them have administrators; and considering that these parishes are within a several mile radius of one another, some even a mile or less, and also considering the overall number of Parishes in New Haven, it seems most prudent and necessary for the future of the Catholic community in New Haven to combine these communities and their respective resources;

WHEREAS, A SWOT Analyses of the Parishes in the New Haven area was conducted which led to the establishment of the “Implementation Team.” The Team has been meeting constantly to discuss matters pertaining to the merger. Thus far, the following activities have been achieved: City-Wide Mass Schedule, Single Parish Bulletin, and a Parish Website;

WHEREAS, the intention or will of donors, any restrictions on assets, including land, as well as any acquired rights, have been examined and taken into consideration. The Presbyteral Council was consulted on June 7, 2023, in accord with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law in relation to the modification of parishes and posed no objection;

WHEREAS, having judged that sufficient just causes, as noted above, are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired,

I HEREBY DECREE the amalgamation of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus, following from canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, by which they are subsumed into Saint Mary Parish; the separate juridic (legal) personalities of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus will cease to exist and will no longer be subjects of obligations and rights under canon law; the new juridic entity will have eight (8) sacred edifices: Saints Aedan and Brendan (formerly Saint Aedan), Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Saint Francis (formerly belonging to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish), Saint Stanislaus, Saint Mary and Saint Joseph (formerly belonging to Saint Mary Parish) Churches, and the new parish will henceforth be named Blessed Michael McGivney Parish.

The administration of the church buildings and premises will be based at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The assets and liabilities of the former Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus Parishes will become the assets and liabilities of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The sacramental registers along with any other parish records and historical documents, shall be preserved at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The territorial boundaries of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish will henceforth be the combined boundaries of it and the former Parishes of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus.

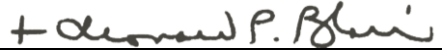
This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2023, prior to which the substance of it is to be communicated to parishioners at the aforementioned parishes, including the display in an appropriate place so that parishioners can read it as they enter or exit the churches. It will also be available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under News-Public Notices: [<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notice/>]. Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) business days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (*CIC* canon 1734 §2).

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, on the 7th day of June in the Year of Our Lord 2023.



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Chancellor



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