

Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
49 Elm Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609

DECREE

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Blessed Sacrament Parish is a territorial parish serving the pastoral needs of the Catholic community on the west side of the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. Its parish church is located at 555 Pleasant Street, Worcester.

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish is also a territorial parish serving the pastoral needs of Catholic community on the west side of the City of Worcester, Massachusetts. Its parish church is situated at 341 June Street, Worcester.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee has recommended to me that in order to serve the spiritual and sacramental needs of the Catholic community on the west side of Worcester better and more effectively, Saint Charles Borromeo Parish be merged with Blessed Sacrament Parish. The parish community constituted from the merger of these parishes will worship at Blessed Sacrament Church.

In view of this recommendation, and after hearing the parties mandated by law, most especially the Presbyteral Council, in accord with canon 515, §2, of the *Code of Canon Law*, I, the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, holding before me my pastoral responsibilities to this particular church, hereby declare and decree the following:

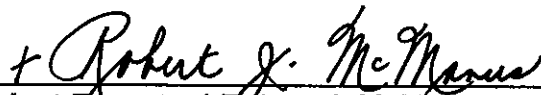
- A new parish entity, retaining the name Blessed Sacrament Parish, is hereby created, in accord with canons 121 and 515, §§ 1-2, from the merger of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish, both in Worcester, Massachusetts;
- The community of this newly-merged parish will worship at Blessed Sacrament Church;
- Blessed Sacrament Parish will assume the goods, the assets, including property and patrimonial rights, as well as the burdens and liabilities of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, respecting the intentions of founders and donors, concerning the allocation of goods and the fulfillment of obligations, in accord with canon 121;
- Blessed Sacrament Parish is to accommodate, to the extent possible, the spiritual traditions of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish;

- Blessed Sacrament Parish will continue to enjoy public juridic personality by the law itself, in accord with canon 515, §3;
- The sacramental records of the former Saint Charles Borromeo Parish will be placed under the guardianship of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

The effective date of this decree is July 1, 2010 at 12:01 a.m.

I order that this decree be published.

Given at Worcester, Massachusetts, in the halls of the Chancery, this the twenty third day of June, in the year of our Lord, two thousand ten.



Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, D.D., S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester



Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan
Chancellor