



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
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DECREE

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Saint Camillus de Lellis Parish is a territorial parish serving the pastoral needs of the Catholic community in the northeastern section in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Its parish church is located on 333 Mechanic Street.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee has recommended that in order to serve the spiritual and sacramental needs of the Catholic population in the city of Fitchburg better and more effectively, Saint Camillus de Lellis Parish be merged with Saint Bernard Parish, Fitchburg.

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:

- Saint Camillus de Lellis Parish, located in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, is hereby merged with Saint Bernard Parish, Fitchburg, in accord with canon 121;
- Saint Bernard Parish will assume the goods, the assets, including property and patrimonial rights, as well as the burdens and liabilities of Saint Camillus de Lellis Parish, respecting the intentions of the founders and donors, concerning the allocation of goods and the fulfillment of obligations, in accord with canon 121;
- Saint Bernard Parish community will worship at Saint Camillus de Lellis Church, which will retain its title, in accord with canon 1218;
- Saint Bernard Parish is to accommodate, to the extent possible, the spiritual traditions of Saint Camillus de Lellis Parish;
- The sacramental records of Saint Camillus de Lellis Parish are hereby placed under the guardianship of Saint Bernard Parish, Fitchburg;

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.



Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan
Chancellor