



**Diocese of Worcester**  
**Office of the Bishop**  
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# DECREE

## In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is located in the city of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Its parish church is situated at 81 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg. This parish was canonically erected to serve the pastoral needs of the Franco-American community of the city of Fitchburg and its environs.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee has recommended to me that the canonical status of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish be changed from a personal parish to a territorial one and establish parish boundaries. Such a change of status, the Committee believes, will better and more effectively serve the spiritual and sacramental needs of the Catholic community in the city of Fitchburg.

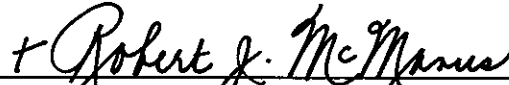
In view of this recommendation, and after hearing the parties mandated by law, most especially the Presbyteral Council, in accord with canon 515, §2, of the *Code of Canon Law*, I, the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of Worcester, holding before me my pastoral responsibilities to this particular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

- A new parish entity, retaining the name Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, is hereby created, in accord with canon 515, §§ 1-2;
- This newly created parish will be a territorial parish with the following boundaries in the city of Fitchburg: Starting at the Leominster city line at Mount Elam Road, then north on Mount Elam Road to Electric Avenue, then east on Electric Avenue to South Street, south on South Street to Romano Avenue, then east on Romano Avenue to Canton Street, then following Canton Street to Heywood Street, then northeast along Heywood Street to Birch Street. East on Birch Street to Water Street, then Water Street north to John Cetrino Drive to the MBTA railroad tracks and then north along the tracks to the Intermodal Transportation Center, then Main Street east to Moran Square. Then east to Lunenburg Street to the Lunenburg town line, then south along the Lunenburg then Leominster town lines, then west along the Leominster town line to Mount Elam Road.
- Saint Francis of Assisi Parish will enjoy public juridic personality by the law itself, in accord with canon 515, §3;

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.



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

  
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Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan  
Chancellor