



Diocese of Worcester
Office of the Bishop
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DECREE

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is a territorial parish serving the pastoral needs of Catholic community in the town of Clinton, Massachusetts. Its parish church is located at the intersection of routes 70 and 62, in the town of Clinton. It does not have a residential pastor and shares a pastor with a neighboring parish.

The Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee has recommended that in order to serve the needs of the Catholic population in the town of Clinton better and more effectively Our Lady of the Rosary Parish be merged with the newly erected parish, Saint John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish, Clinton.

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:

- Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, located in Clinton, Massachusetts, is hereby merged with Saint John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish, Clinton, in accord with canon 121;
- Saint John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish will assume the goods, the assets, including property and patrimonial rights, as well as the burdens and liabilities of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, respecting the intentions of the founders and donors, concerning the allocation of goods and the fulfillment of obligations, in accord with canons 121 and 122;
- The community of this newly-merged parish will worship at St. John Church. Our Lady of the Rosary Church will close;
- Saint John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish is to accommodate to the extent possible the spiritual traditions of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish;
- The sacramental records of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish are hereby placed under the guardianship of Saint John, Guardian of Our Lady 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.



Reverend Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan
Chancellor