



*Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
By the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Fall River*

DECREE

After consulting the Presbyteral Council on March 18, 2019, I hereby revoke my decree of 1 November 2018 suppressing the parish of Saint Anne in Fall River.

This Decree shall be effective, the 22nd day of March in the year two thousand nineteen.

In the event that anyone with canonical standing who feels injured by the provisions of this Decree, he or she may initiate a hierarchical recourse against this Decree according to the provisions of Canon 1732-1739 within ten useful days.

Given in Fall River this 22nd day of March in the year two thousand nineteen.

Most. Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

Attest: *Kevin R. Kiley*
Chancellor



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In considering the pastoral care of the faithful throughout the Diocese, and given the changing demographics in the City of Fall River and given the decline in the number of parishioners attending Saint Anne Parish in Fall River, in part due to it being a personal parish for French Canadians and immigration from Quebec to Fall River ended almost a century ago; and given the financial challenges faced by this parish, and after having consulted with the Parochial Administrator, and after a thorough study of the situation involving the parishioners of the parish with staff of our Strategic Planning, and after having heard the advice of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Fall River on Monday, March 18, 2019, as the Bishop of Fall River, I hereby decree the following:

That Saint Anne Parish, located at 818 Middle Street in the city of Fall River, is suppressed;

That the sacramental registers of Saint Anne Parish be transferred to and maintained by the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption, of Fall River;

That the temporal goods and financial obligations of Saint Anne Parish be transferred to the Diocese of Fall River;

That the pastoral care of the faithful of the former Saint Anne Parish becomes the responsibility of the pastor of the Parish where they have their domicile or quasi-domicile.

This Decree shall be effective, the 25th day of March in the year two thousand nineteen.

In the event that anyone with canonical standing who feels injured by the provisions of this Decree, he or she may initiate a hierarchical recourse against this Decree according to the provisions of Canon 1732-1739 within ten useful days.

Given in Fall River this 25th day of March in the year two thousand eighteen.

Attest:

Kevin R. Kiley
Chancellor

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Bishop of Fall River