



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

DECREE

In considering the pastoral care of the faithful throughout the Diocese and after a thorough study of the situation in Attleboro, and after having consulted the Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro, who is also the Pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Attleboro, and after having heard the advice of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Fall River at their meeting on November 29, 2021, I, Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Bishop of Fall River, hereby decree the following:

That Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, located at 71 Linden Street in Attleboro, be suppressed;

That the territory of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Attleboro becomes part of the territory of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro;

That Holy Ghost Church in Attleboro, which until now has been the Parish church for St. Vincent de Paul, shall retain its original name of Holy Ghost Church and become a chapel of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro;

That the worship site of St. Vincent de Paul Parish at Holy Ghost Church in Attleboro be maintained as a worship site for Spanish and Portuguese Masses;

That the canonical registers of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Attleboro be transferred to and maintained by Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro;

That the temporal goods, property, assets and financial obligations of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Attleboro belong to Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro;

That the pastoral and spiritual care of the people of the suppressed parish will be provided by the Priests assigned to Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro;

That the name of the present St. John the Evangelist Parish in Attleboro shall remain unchanged;

This Decree shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on the First day of January, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

In the event that anyone with canonical standing 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 First day of December in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

Attest:

Kevin R. Kiley
Chancellor

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