



*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 Marion and Mattapoisett, and after having consulted the Parochial Administrator of Saint Anthony Parish in Mattapoisett, who is also the Parochial Administrator of Saint Rita Parish in Marion, and after having heard the advice of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Fall River at their meeting on March 20, 2023, I, Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Bishop of Fall River, hereby decree the following:

That Saint Anthony Parish located at 26 Hammond Street in Mattapoisett, be suppressed;
That Saint Rita Parish located at 121 Front Street in Marion, be suppressed;

That the new Saint Anthony-Saint Rita Parish be erected with the two worship sites of Saint Anthony Church in Mattapoisett and Saint Rita Church in Marion;

That the canonical registers of Saint Anthony Parish in Mattapoisett and Saint Rita Parish in Marion be kept at Saint Anthony-Saint Rita Parish in Mattapoisett;

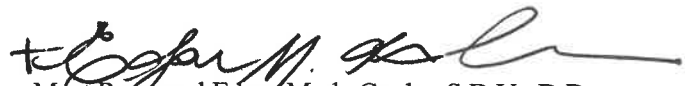
That the temporal goods, property, assets and financial obligations of Saint Anthony Parish in Mattapoisett and Saint Rita Parish in Marion belong to Saint Anthony-Saint Rita Parish in Mattapoisett;

That the pastoral and spiritual care of the people of the suppressed parishes will be provided by the Priests assigned to Saint Anthony-Saint Rita Parish in Mattapoisett.

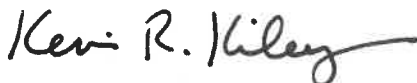
This Decree shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on the third day of April, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

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 twenty-first day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


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

Attest:



Kevin R. Kiley
Chancellor