



*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 South Attleboro, and after having consulted the Parochial Administrator of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in South Attleboro, and after having heard the advice of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Fall River at their meeting on May 19, 2025, I, Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Bishop of Fall River, hereby decree the following:

That Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish located at 18 Baltic Street in South Attleboro, be suppressed;

That the territory of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in South Attleboro becomes part of the territory of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish located 385 Central Avenue in Seekonk;

That the canonical registers of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in South Attleboro be kept at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish located at 385 Central Avenue in Seekonk;

That the temporal goods, property, assets and financial obligations of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in South Attleboro henceforth belong to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish located at 385 Central Avenue in Seekonk;

That the pastoral and spiritual care of the people of the suppressed parish will be provided by the Priests assigned to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Seekonk or by Priests ministering at any parish where they choose to belong;

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

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-fifth day of May, in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

Attest:

*Kevin R. Kiley*

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Chancellor

*+Edgar M. da Cunha*  
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