



*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 Westport, and after having consulted the Pastor of Our Lady of Grace, Saint George and Saint John the Baptist Parishes in Westport, 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 Our Lady of Grace Parish located at 569 Sanford Road in Westport, be suppressed;
That St. George Parish located at 12 Highland Avenue in Westport, be suppressed;
That St. John the Baptist Parish located at 945 Main Road in Westport, be suppressed;

That the new Divine Mercy Parish be erected with the three worship sites of Our Lady of Grace Church in Westport, Saint George Church in Westport, and Saint John the Baptist Church in Westport.

That the territories of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Westport, Saint George Parish in Westport, and Saint John the Baptist Parish in Westport become the territory of Divine Mercy Parish in Westport.

That the canonical registers of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Westport, Saint George Parish in Westport, and Saint John the Baptist Parish in Westport be kept at Divine Mercy Parish located at 569 Sanford Road in Westport.

That the temporal goods, property, assets and financial obligations of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Westport, Saint George Parish in Westport, and Saint John the Baptist Parish in Westport henceforth belong to Divine Mercy Parish in Westport;

That the pastoral and spiritual care of the people of the suppressed parishes will be provided by the Priests assigned to Divine Mercy Parish in Westport;

This Decree shall be effective at 12:01 a.m. on the Twentieth 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

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