



*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 Taunton, and after having consulted the Pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Taunton, 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 Mary Parish located at 14 St. Mary's Square in Taunton, currently part of a three-parish collaborative, be suppressed;

That the territory of Saint Mary Parish in Taunton becomes the territory of Saint Anthony Parish located at 126 School Street in Taunton;

That the canonical registers of Saint Mary Parish in Taunton be kept at Saint Anthony Parish located at 126 School Street in Taunton;

That the temporal goods, property, assets and financial obligations of Saint Mary Parish in Taunton belong to both Saint Anthony Parish located at 126 School Street in Taunton and Saint Jude Parish located at 249 Whittenton Street in Taunton;

That the pastoral and spiritual care of the people of the suppressed parish will be provided by the Priests assigned to Saint Anthony Parish located at 126 School Street in Taunton and Saint Jude Parish located at 249 Whittenton Street in Taunton;

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

Attest:

Kevin R. Kiley

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Chancellor

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