



*Office of the Bishop*

His Excellency  
Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City – St. Joseph

Decree Regarding the Requested Revocation or Emendation of my Decree  
Amalgamating Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Princeton  
to Saint Joseph Parish, Trenton

Whereas the “*Remonstratio*” dated April 29, 2024, presented by Mr. Seth Renfro, parishioner, submitted by certified mail through the United States Postal Service on the same date of April 29, 2024, and in accord with canon 1734, §1, seeking my revocation or emendation of my Decree dated April 19, 2024, was received in my office on May 2, 2024, within the ten useful days as stipulated in canon 1734, §2; and

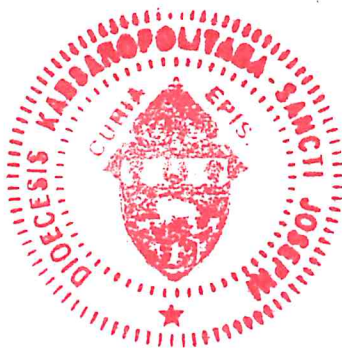
Whereas, despite the fact that the plethora of procurator mandates received raised validity questions since, for example, only twenty were of duly registered parishioners, forty were offered by women in a sorority house within another diocese, at least fifteen from non-Missouri states, as well as significant signed mandates of Missouri residents further than twenty-five miles from the parish boundaries requiring that all of the aforementioned mandates would necessarily warrant further investigation; and

Whereas I have prayerfully considered all that has been presented in the aforementioned petition, and I have continued to discuss possibilities with local priests, diocesan leaders and others, after due canonical consultations and prayer, I have determined that the strengthening of the community of faith and discipleship can be achieved with the separation of the parishes remaining. However, I have also determined that it is necessary to limit by particular law the number of weekend Masses that a priest is permitted to celebrate between these parishes and his other parochial and sacramental assignments.

**THEREFORE**

I, the Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr., by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Kansas City – Saint Joseph, hereby declare in accordance with canon 57, §1, my revocation of my Decree, dated April 19, 2024, Amalgamating Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Princeton, to Saint Joseph Parish, Trenton.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Kansas City – Saint Joseph on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of the month of May in the Year of Our Lord 2024.



*+ James V. Johnston, Jr.*

Most Reverend James V. Johnston, Jr.  
Bishop of Kansas City – Saint Joseph

*Kenneth A. Riley*

Very Reverend Kenneth A. Riley  
Vicar General for Administration – Chancellor