



## **HOLY REDEEMER PARISH**

### **DECREE OF AMALGAMATION**

**Robert Harris**

**By the Grace of God and the Favour of the Apostolic See  
Bishop of Saint John**

St. Peter's Parish, in the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, was established in 1884. Its mission church, St. Bridget's, in Summerville, New Brunswick was built in 1871. Holy Trinity Parish, in the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, was established in 1892. St. Pius X Parish, in the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, was established in 1956. Each of these parishes have been served by its own clergy.

However, due to the steady decline in attendance at the parishes of St. Peter's, Holy Trinity, and St. Pius X, the decreasing number of diocesan clergy, and the on-going financial struggles of maintaining three churches, four parish halls, and three rectories all in close geographical proximity, plus a mission church and hall, it has become necessary to amalgamate St. Peter's Parish, Holy Trinity Parish, and St. Pius X Parish into a new parish with one church. At the same time, the responsibility for the mission church of St. Bridget's will be transferred to St. Alphonsus Parish, in the Town of Hampton, New Brunswick.

In accordance with the provisions of Canon Law, the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Saint John was duly consulted; likewise, a meeting was held with the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish, and Holy Trinity Parish. The present pastors of these three parishes were also consulted and agree with the decision to amalgamate St. Peter's Parish, Holy Trinity Parish, and St. Pius X Parish, and to transfer the responsibility for the mission church of St. Bridget's to St. Alphonsus Parish.

In view of this, I hereby decree as follows:

- St. Peter's Parish, in the City of Saint John, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, in Summerville, Holy Trinity Parish, in the City of Saint John, and St. Pius X Parish in the City of Saint John, are to be amalgamated into one new parish; this amalgamation takes place on September 1, 2018; St. Bridget's Mission Church is to become a mission of St. Alphonsus Parish, in the Town of Hampton, on the same date;
- The new parish resulting from the amalgamation of St. Peter's Parish, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, Holy Trinity Parish, and St. Pius X Parish, will henceforth be known as Holy Redeemer Parish in accord with the recommendation of the three parishes being amalgamated;

- The patronal feast day is to be celebrated on October 23;
- The geographical territory which comprised the former St. Peter's Parish, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, Holy Trinity Parish, and St. Pius X Parish, will henceforth be incorporated into and become a part of the geographical territory of Holy Redeemer Parish;
- St. Pius X Church will be the place of liturgical worship for Holy Redeemer Parish; its title will be changed to Holy Redeemer Church;
- St. Peter's Church and Holy Trinity Church are to be closed for all liturgical purposes and for all other purposes after the last Masses have been celebrated there at the end of August 2018;
- The parish records and sacramental registers of the former St. Peter's Parish, Holy Trinity Parish, and St. Pius X Parish shall become the responsibility of Holy Redeemer Parish;
- The real property - land and buildings - of the former St. Peter's Parish, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, Holy Trinity Parish, and St. Pius X Parish, shall, upon their amalgamation into Holy Redeemer Parish, become the property of Holy Redeemer Parish, to be maintained, administered, alienated, or otherwise disposed of in accordance with civil and canon law;
- Any monetary funds of the former St. Peter's Parish, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, Holy Trinity Parish, or St. Pius X Parish, previously designated as "restricted," shall continue to be maintained separately as a part of the patrimony of Holy Redeemer Parish, and used solely for those purposes for which they were restricted;
- After payment of any outstanding debts, any remaining monetary funds of the former St. Peter's Parish, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, Holy Trinity Parish, or St. Pius X Parish, shall automatically become part of the patrimony of Holy Redeemer Parish; likewise, any outstanding liabilities of the former St. Peter's Parish, without its mission church of St. Bridget's, Holy Trinity Parish, or St. Pius X Parish, shall automatically become the responsibility of Holy Redeemer Parish (see Canon 121);
- In accordance with the requirements of canon law, those who are directly and principally affected by this decree, have the right of recourse against it and may lodge an appeal against this decree following the appropriate procedures outlined in Canon 1734 of the Code of Canon Law.

Given at Saint John, NB, under Our signature, the seal of the Diocese, and the signature of the Chancellor/Vicar General on this twenty-second day of August in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and eighteen.

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Chancellor