

DECREE

In accordance with canons 50, 120 §1, 121, and 515 of the Code of Canon Law and after having consulted the Presbyteral Council and members of the faithful of the concerned parishes, I hereby decree that Saint John Bosco Parish in Maryland Heights, Missouri, is amalgamated into Saint Monica Parish in Creve Coeur, Missouri.

I further decree that the territory formerly belonging to Saint John Bosco Parish is subsumed into Saint Monica Parish. Saint Monica Parish obtains the temporal goods, patrimonial rights, and obligations which formerly belonged to Saint John Bosco Parish (canon 121). While Saint John Bosco Church remains a sacred edifice to which the faithful have the right of entry (canon 1214), Saint Monica Church is the Parish Church. I direct that all ecclesiastical records of Saint John Bosco Parish be forwarded to the Archives of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

The following are the reasons in summary form for Saint John Bosco Parish being amalgamated into Saint Monica Parish (canon 51).

1. Saint John Bosco Parish had 588 Catholic households, 147 fewer than in 2013.
2. The parish has 97 adult parishioners under the age of 50, 69% of those with recorded birthdates.
3. In 2015, 569 members of the faithful were present for the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays, but now there are 328 members of the faithful present.
4. The parish has averaged 14 infant baptisms and 17 funerals annually for the past five years.
5. The number of children in Catholic formation has declined by more than half in the last ten years.

This Decree is effective August 1, 2023. Its official notification is its publication on the website of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on May 28, 2023.

I direct that the Pastor of Saint John Bosco Parish and the Pastor of Saint Monica Parish announce at all Masses on the weekend of May 27-28, 2023, that this Decree has been published on the website of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis (allthingsnew.archstl.org). I ask the Pastor and the faithful of Saint Monica Parish to make every effort to welcome warmly the members of the former Saint John Bosco Parish.


Any member of Saint John Bosco Parish who claims to have been aggrieved by this Decree has the right to seek its revocation or emendation (canon 1734). This request must be made in writing and postmarked no later than June 12, 2023, to the Most Reverend Archbishop of Saint Louis, Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63119.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, this twenty-fourth day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, 2023.



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of Saint Louis



Very Reverend Philip J. Bené, J.C.D.
Notary

