

## 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 Richard Parish in Creve Coeur, Missouri, is amalgamated into Saint Monica Parish in Creve Coeur, Missouri.

I further decree that the territory formerly belonging to Saint Richard Parish is subsumed into Saint Monica Parish. Saint Monica Parish obtains the temporal goods, patrimonial rights, and obligations which formerly belonged to Saint Richard Parish (canon 121). While Saint Richard 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 Richard 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 Richard Parish being amalgamated into Saint Monica Parish (canon 51).

1. Saint Richard Parish has 601 Catholic households, 30 fewer than in 2013.
2. The parish has 218 adult parishioners under the age of 50; of those, 95 are under 35.
3. In 2014, 496 members of the faithful were present for the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays, but now there are 317 members of the faithful present.
4. The parish has averaged 11 infant baptisms and 9 funerals annually for the past five years.
5. Parishes in Saint Charles, Missouri regularly report that Catholics newly arrived in their parish territory come from Saint Richard Parish.
6. A significant percentage of the general population in the territory of the parish belongs to the Jewish faith.

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 Richard 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](http://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 Richard Parish.


Any member of Saint Richard 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.

*+ Mitchell T. Rozanski*

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Archbishop of Saint Louis

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

