



## DIocese OF YOUNGSTOWN

David J. Bonnar

By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See

**BISHOP OF YOUNGSTOWN**

### DECREE

For one hundred and seventy seven years the Catholic Faithful of Saint Columba Cathedral Parish in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served at 154 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio. During that time countless people have heard the Word of God, have worshipped and received the sacraments of the Church in the parish community. Likewise, for one hundred and seven years, the Catholic Faithful of Saint Edward Parish, in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served at 240 Tod Lane, Youngstown, Ohio. For thirteen years the Catholic Faithful of Holy Apostles Parish in the Diocese of Youngstown have been served 421 Covington Street, Youngstown, Ohio. In an effort to reorganize the People of God in this portion of God's Kingdom, it is now necessary to make new provisions for the spiritual care of the parishioners of Saint Columba Cathedral Parish, Saint Edward Parish and Holy Apostles Parish.

Accordingly, having carefully reviewed the pastoral statistics and studied facts compiled by the Diocese of Youngstown, after consultation with representatives of the three parish communities, having heard the Presbyteral Council November 4, 2024, and acting in accord with canon 515, paragraph 2, of the Code of Canon Law; I hereby alter and merge Saint Columba Cathedral Parish, Saint Edward Parish and Holy Apostles Parish. This merger shall be effective on January 1, 2025. Now for the good of the People of God, I hereby name the newly merged parish Saint Columba Cathedral Parish, effective January 1, 2025.

All parishioners of the three parishes are now members of the newly merged parish, whose name is Saint Columba Cathedral Parish. The already established territories of Saint Columba Cathedral Parish, Saint Edward Parish and Holy Apostles Parish shall be merged and fully included in the newly established parish. However, the three church buildings will retain the names of St. Columba cathedral, Saint Edward Church and SS Peter and Paul Church given at the time of dedication, in accord with canon 1218.

All of the original registers containing records of Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and Christian Burial hitherto preserved by the three parishes are now to be faithfully preserved in the newly merged parish office at 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio

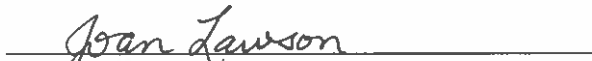
All properties and assets of the parishes are now part of the amalgamation into the new merged juridic person of the new parish called Saint Columba Cathedral Parish. All assets and debts shall be now shared by the newly merged parish. By way of a particular document approved by the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese of Youngstown, the management of all assets and debts that now concern the newly merged parish will be properly detailed, attentive to the principle of equity and for the common good of all concerned.

All those who claim to have been aggrieved by this decree are herewith notified that, if they desire to file recourse against this decree, they are required, *ad validitatem*, to submit a petition in the sense of canon 1734 paragraph 1 to us within ten useful days from the legitimate notification of this decree.

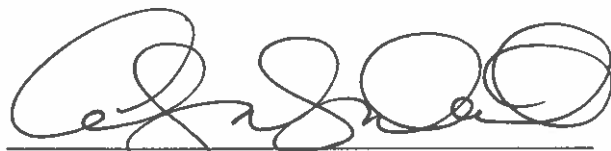
Given at Youngstown, Ohio, this 22nd. day of November 2024.



Most Reverend David J. Bonnar  
Bishop of Youngstown



Joan Lawson  
Chancellor



Carolyn Wooten  
Notary

