



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 Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceton, Missouri, is amalgamated into Saint Agnes Parish in Bloomsdale, Missouri.

I further decree that the territory formerly belonging to Saint Lawrence Parish is subsumed into Saint Agnes Parish. Saint Agnes Parish obtains the temporal goods, patrimonial rights, and obligations which formerly belonged to Saint Lawrence Parish (canon 121). While Saint Lawrence Church remains a sacred edifice to which the faithful have the right of entry (canon 1214), Saint Agnes Church is the Parish Church. I direct that all ecclesiastical records of Saint Lawrence 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 Lawrence Parish being amalgamated into Saint Agnes Parish (canon 51).

1. Saint Lawrence Parish has 44 Catholic households, 7 households fewer than in 2013.
2. The parish has 16 adult parishioners under the age of 50.
3. In 2013, 77 members of the faithful were present for the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays, but now there are 60 members of the faithful present.
4. The parish has averaged 0 infant baptisms and 1 funeral annually for the past five 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 Lawrence Parish and the Pastor of Saint Agnes 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 Agnes Parish to make every effort to welcome warmly the members of the former Saint Lawrence Parish.

Any member of Saint Lawrence 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

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of Saint Louis

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

