



MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR
ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

In Nomine Domini. Amen.

**DECREE
ON THE MERGER OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH OF
MILFORD, WITH PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH OF MILFORD,
CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, Christ the Redeemer Parish, Milford, Connecticut, was originally established in 1966, and Precious Blood Parish, Milford, Connecticut, was formed from a merger of two parishes on June 29, 2017, as a result of a pastoral planning process in the Archdiocese of Hartford;

WHEREAS, the process of merging the aforementioned parishes was initiated with the above-named pastoral plan for the Archdiocese, and the plan, as announced, called for Christ the Redeemer Parish to be merged with Precious Blood Parish upon the retirement of the pastor at the former parish;

WHEREAS, after communities from both juridic entities were made aware of the impending merger, a committee of parish representatives from both parishes was convened on July 27, 2020 and a meeting for interested parishioners of Christ the Redeemer Parish was held at the premises of Christ the Redeemer Church on October 7, 2020, for the purpose of fielding questions and concerns from the people regarding the merger. Subsequent meetings discussing the merger were cordial and constructive;

WHEREAS, the Pastor of Precious Blood Parish consulted the Administrator, Finance Council, Committee Members, and Trustees of Christ the Redeemer Parish, and the intention or will of donors, any restrictions on assets, including land, as well as any acquired rights, have been examined and taken into consideration. The Presbyteral Council was consulted on April 26, 2021, in accordance with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law in relation to the modification of parishes, and posed no objection;

WHEREAS, having judged that sufficient just causes are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired,


I HEREBY DECREE the “merger,” following from canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, by which Christ the Redeemer Parish is subsumed into Precious Blood Parish; the separate juridic (legal) personality of Christ the Redeemer Parish will cease to exist, and it will no longer be a subject of obligations and rights under canon law; Christ the Redeemer church building will remain a sacred place of worship at present but with no regularly scheduled Masses.

The assets and liabilities of the former Christ the Redeemer Parish will become the assets and liabilities of Precious Blood Parish. The administration of the church buildings and premises will be based at Precious Blood Parish. The sacramental registers along with any other parish records and historical documents shall also be preserved at Precious Blood Parish, according to the norm of canon 535, §§1-5. The territorial boundaries of Precious Blood Parish will henceforth be the combined boundaries of it and the former Christ the Redeemer Parish.


This decree becomes effective as of June 1, 2021, prior to which the substance of it is to be communicated to parishioners at the aforementioned parishes, including by way of display in an appropriate place so that parishioners can read it as they enter or exit the churches. It will also be available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under News-Public Notices: [<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notices/>]. Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) business days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (CIC canon 1734 §2).

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, on the 28th day of April in the Year of Our Lord 2021.



Reverend Ryan M. Lerner
Chancellor



Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford