

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 Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish in Florissant, Missouri, is amalgamated into Sacred Heart Parish in Florissant, Missouri.

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

1. The Catholic population in the territory of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish decreased by approximately 41% between 1990 and 2004. In 2005, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish had 2,221 Catholic households but now there are 759 Catholic households.
2. In 2005, 1,969 members of the faithful were present for the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist on Sundays, but now there are 280 members of the faithful present.
3. The parish has averaged 4 infant baptisms and 30 funerals annually for the past five years.
4. The parish has operated with an annual deficit in four of the past five years, three of which deficits exceeded \$100,000.
5. There has been a steady decline in the Catholic population in the area in the last several decades.

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 Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish and the Pastor of Sacred Heart 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 Sacred Heart Parish to make every effort to welcome warmly the members of the former Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish.

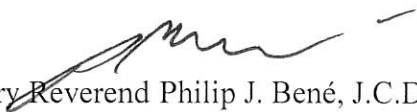
Any member of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne Parish who claims to have been aggrieved by this Decree has the right to seek its revocation or emendation (canon 1734). This request must be made in writing and postmarked no later than June 12, 2023, to the Most Reverend Archbishop of Saint Louis, Cardinal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

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Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of Saint Louis


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

