



DECREE

FOR

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII PARISH IN TACOMA

To Our Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Seattle:

Whereas, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (Visitation Parish) was established in 1892 to provide for the needs of the Catholic faithful in the city; and

Whereas, St. Rita of Cascia Parish was established in 1922 to provide for the same purpose; and

Whereas, St. Ann Parish in Tacoma was established in 1924 with the same intention; and

Whereas, the Pierce Deanery initiated a planning process in 2015 to ensure that parish structures are oriented toward mission and “capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” (*Evangelii gaudium*, 27); and

Whereas, the results of the review concerning the condition of the parishes, the vitality of their ministries, the efficacy of their outreach and evangelization efforts, and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that consolidation would create a stronger community of the faithful for worship, ministry, and outreach.

Therefore, having considered the necessary information and proofs; having heard, in accordance with canon 50, all those whose rights might be injured, in particular through listening sessions with parishioners on December 9, 2020, December 14, 2020, February 16, 2021 and February 28, 2021; having heard the Presbyteral Council, in accordance with canon 515 §2, on March 10, 2022; and with due consideration for the good of souls; I, the undersigned Archbishop of Seattle do hereby decree the following:

1. By means of an extinctive union, Visitation Parish in Tacoma shall be conjoined with St. Rita of Cascia and St. Ann Parish in Tacoma so that a new juridic person is constituted, in accordance with canon 121. The name of this new public juridic person shall be Pope St. John XXIII Parish.
2. The intentions of the founders and donors regarding the temporal goods and patrimonial rights proper to the extinct Visitation Parish, St. Rita of Cascia Parish,

and St. Ann Parish will be respected. In addition, the patrimonial goods, rights, and obligations of these extinct parishes are to be defined and allocated in accordance with the norm of law. (cc. 121, 1267 §3)

3. The primary worship site for Pope St. John XXIII Parish will be the church at 7025 S Park Avenue in Tacoma.
4. All sacramental registers of the extinct parishes are to be properly preserved and safeguarded by Pope St. John XXIII Parish in accordance with the norm of law.
5. Henceforth, the boundaries of Pope St. John XXIII Parish shall be as follows:
 - North: Beginning at the intersection of 67th Ave W and Cirque Dr W, proceed east on Cirque Dr W as it becomes 56th St W and S 56th St to S Tyler Street,
 - thence north on S Tyler Street to the intersection with State Route 16,
 - thence east along State Route 16 to S Union Ave,
 - thence north on S Union Ave to 19th St,
 - thence east on S 19th St to S Cedar St,
 - thence north on S Cedar St to S 12th St,
 - thence east on S 12th St to S Cushman Ave,
 - thence south on S Cushman Ave to S 25th St,
 - thence east on S 25th St to I-705,
 - thence north on I-705 to Puyallup Ave,
 - thence east on Puyallup Ave to the Puyallup River.
 - East: Southeast following the Puyallup River to the eastern Tacoma City limits,
 - thence south on the eastern Tacoma City limits to Pioneer Way E
 - thence southeast on Pioneer Way E to its intersection with Canyon Road E,
 - thence south on Canyon Road E to 72nd St E
 - thence east on 72nd St E to Woodland Ave E,
 - thence south on Woodland Ave E to 128th St E.
 - South: West on 128th St E as it becomes 129th St E to Pacific Ave S/State Rte 7.
 - thence north on Pacific Ave S to 108th St S,
 - thence west on 108th St S as it becomes Sales Rd S,
 - thence northwest on Sales Rd S to the intersection with Steele St S
 - thence south on Steele St S to Perimeter Rd.
 - thence west on Perimeter Rd to the boundary of JBLM/McChord Field,
 - thence following the boundary of the airfield (McChord Field in JBLM), continue west on 112th St SW to Union Ave SW/S Tacoma Way.
 - West: North on Union Ave SW/S Tacoma Way to S 80th St extended,
 - thence west on S 80th St extended along the current Tacoma city boundaries to 51st Ave SW,

- thence north along city limits (51st Ave SW extended) to S 74th St,
- thence west and southwest on 74th St W/Custer Rd W to its intersection with 75th St W,
- thence west on 75th St W to Bridgeport Way W,
- thence northwest on Bridgeport Way W to 67th Ave W,
- thence north on 67th Ave W to Cirque Dr W, the point of beginning.
- All boundaries above are exclusive of the territory assigned to Sacred Heart Parish.


6. This decree becomes effective on July 1, 2022.

7. A separate decree for each parish, Visitation, St. Rita of Cascia, and St. Ann, has also been issued this day to provide a summary of facts particular to each parish's condition.

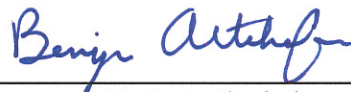
8. This decree is to be communicated to the pastor of Visitation Parish, St. Rita of Cascia Parish, and St. Ann Parish, who will notify his parishioners as soon as possible upon receipt.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the chancery of the Archdiocese of Seattle this 6th day of May in the year of our Lord 2022.



Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle



Benjamin Altenhofen
Chancellor

