



DECREE OF EXTINCTIVE UNION

FOR

ST. ANN PARISH IN TACOMA

To Our Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Seattle:

Whereas, St. Ann Parish in Tacoma was established in 1924 to provide for the needs of the Catholic faithful in the area; 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 a review concerning the condition of the parish, the vitality of its ministries, the efficacy of its outreach and evangelization efforts, and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- a considerable and consistent increase in Mass attendance can be seen over the past two decades – from 400 Sunday Mass attendees in 2000 to 1,121 in 2019
- the consistency in sacramental life and demonstrable growth in religious education programs at the parish point to a commitment to missionary discipleship and a dedication to community development into the future
- the parish primarily serves families within its territorial boundaries, but also serves many families within the current Visitation Parish boundaries
- a merger with the nearby Visitation Parish and St. Rita of Cascia Parish would create a stronger community of the faithful for worship, ministry, and outreach in the city
- a merger with the nearby Visitation Parish and St. Rita of Cascia Parish would provide resources for the development of the Visitation School, with the possibility of a new campus at the current St. Ann Parish site
- the community is in a good financial situation; parish income is matching expenses and current cash reserves would cover two years of parish expenses

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 14, 2020 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, St. Ann Parish in Tacoma shall be conjoined with St. Rita of Cascia Parish in Tacoma and Visitation 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 St. Ann Parish will be respected. In addition, the patrimonial goods, rights, and obligations of the extinct St. Ann Parish 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 St. Ann Parish 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. This decree is to be communicated to the pastor of St. Ann Parish, who will notify his parishioners as soon as possible upon receipt. It may be challenged within the peremptory time limit of ten useful days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 §2). Any initial recourse is to be sent to the Archbishop of Seattle at 710 9th Avenue Seattle, Washington, 98104.

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