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**EMERGENCY DECREE**

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

By decree dated February 12, 2020, I extinguished St. Matthias Parish and Queen of Angels Parish, both on the Northside of the City of Chicago, uniting them in a single new territorial parish effective July 1, 2020.

In March 2020 the unprecedented world-wide pandemic of the novel coronavirus causing COVID-19 resulted in the civil authorities of the State of Illinois issuing emergency orders requiring all residents to stay at home, restricting travel, closing all but essential businesses and services, forbidding most indoor and outdoor gatherings, and requiring social distancing. These measures to protect public health also resulted in the temporary closing of all churches, schools, and other properties of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the curtailment of liturgical assemblies, and the reduction of many other services. It is not known how long these emergency measures will remain in effect or when it will be safe to resume normal activities.

Therefore, on my own initiative, and for the protection of the safety, health, and well-being of our parishes, particularly the Catholic faithful and their pastors, I

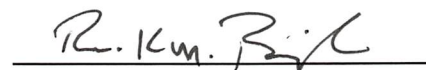
***decree the following***

The effective date of the above mentioned decree of February 12, 2020, is postponed until August 1, 2020. All other provisions of the above mentioned decree of February 12, 2020, remain unchanged.

Given this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, A.D. 2020.  
From Holy Name Cathedral  
Chicago, Illinois 60611



  
Archbishop of Chicago

  
Ecclesiastical Notary