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The Solemnity of All the Saints

Dear Friends in Christ,

Know of my warmest greetings to you, the members of Saint Therese Parish and Saint Vincent Pallotti Parish, as we celebrate today the great feast day of all the saints in the Heavenly Kingdom.

With this letter I am pleased to include an official decree of merger that combines the Parish of Saint Therese into the Parish of Saint Vincent Pallotti. I have made this decision that significantly reshapes both of your parish communities after careful thought and prayer about all the circumstances impacting your past, your present, and your future. I gratefully received the letter from Father Thomas requesting me to make this change, knowing that his letter represents the conclusion of a long process of careful and prayerful discernment by you and your leaders.

Thank you for your steadfast faith and hope throughout this entire process of collaboration and consultation. Change is never easy, and I realize this represents the conclusion of one chapter and the beginning of a new one for everyone involved. As we live through similar changes to parish communities all across our Archdiocese in this moment in time, I invite you to join me in looking always to Christ, to the Blessed Mother, to your parish patrons, and indeed to all the saints for strength, for hope, and for trust in God's plan.

I am grateful to your shepherd, Father Thomas, to your leaders, and to all of you for your dedication to the call of the Gospel that always leads us forward. Know of my support and love for your communities, and especially of my prayers.

The combination of the two parishes will take effect on January 22, 2027, the Feast of Saint Vincent Pallotti. I pray that the feast day this year will be one of special graces for all of you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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