

NICHOLAS DiMARZIO
By the Grace of God and of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF BROOKLYN

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DECREE OF REDUCTION

Whereas, the historic church of **Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Williamsburg**, Brooklyn, dedicated in 1848, was demolished in 1957 after years of disrepair due to a fire;

Whereas, the current church, located **82 South Second Street**, between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, was from its construction provisional in nature;

Whereas, the changing population demographics and financial challenges faced by the parish present serious concerns for the future stability of the Parish of Ss. Peter and Paul;

Whereas, **Monsignor Anthony Hernandez**, Administrator of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, after having consulted the members of the faithful and having determined that the *care of souls would not be harmed*, has requested the reduction of the current church structure as part of a larger strategic plan to ensure the future vibrancy of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish;

Whereas, the aforementioned request from Monsignor Hernandez was presented to the **Diocesan Presbyteral Council on October 13, 2015** for the required canonical consultation and received unanimous support from the Council;

After having determined that *no other parties can legitimately claim rights for themselves and that the care of souls will not be adversely affected*, and in light of the larger pastoral and strategic plan for the members of the faithful at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Williamsburg, I, the undersigned Bishop of Brooklyn, hereby

DECREE

That the current Church of Ss. Peter and Paul will be **RELEGATED TO THE PROFANE BUT NOT SORDID USE** according to the provisions of Can. 1222. This reduction shall take effect on **April 3, 2016**, Divine Mercy Sunday in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. In addition, I order that any sacred furnishings and artwork that

will not be incorporated into the new Church of Ss. Peter and Paul be disposed of in a manner befitting their character and the known intention of any donor.

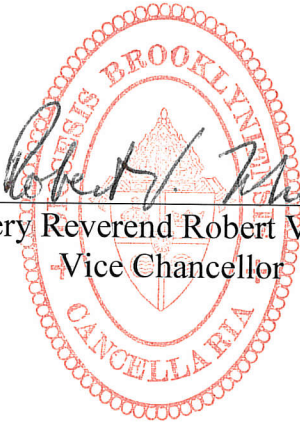
Hierarchical recourse may be taken according to the norms of Canons 1732 to 1739.

This decree shall be published according to the normal manner.

Given in the Curial Offices of the Diocese of Brooklyn, this twenty-third day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Nicholas DiMarzio

Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.



Robert V. Mucci

Very Reverend Robert V. Mucci
Vice Chancellor