

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



## DECREE

Changes in the spiritual practices among the faithful, a decrease in available clergy and men and women in consecrated life, changes in the general population within our Diocese, as well as concerns regarding temporal matters have affected the means by which the Gospel of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed within the Diocese of Brooklyn. In an effort to respond in the best possible way to the gifts of the Holy Spirit generously given to us in our current situation, I have overseen a comprehensive pastoral plan, which included the whole of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

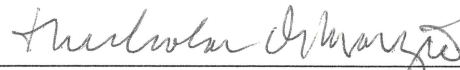
In an effort to evangelize more effectively the community in Brooklyn, as well to administrate the temporal goods of the faithful more efficiently, Reverend Monsignor David L. Cassato, Pastor of the Parish of Saint Athanasius, located at 2154 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, New York 11204, and Administrator of the Parish of Saint Dominic, located at 2001 Bay Ridge Parkway, Brooklyn, New York 11204, petitioned that they be canonically merged.

In keeping with the requirements of the Universal Law of the Church, the Presbyteral Council was consulted on April 9, 2019 (Canon 515 § 2), and after having heard the reasons for the proposed merger, its members expressed their support for this action. In addition, after having consulted the territorial Episcopal Vicars, clergy, pastoral ministers and other members of the faithful of the parishes involved, I, the undersigned Bishop of Brooklyn, hereby declare and decree that the Parishes of Saint Athanasius and Saint Dominic, both within the Diocese of Brooklyn, shall be merged to form one Parish.

- This one Parish shall be named the **Parish of Saint Athanasius – Saint Dominic**, with the main Parish office to be located at 2154 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, New York 11204.
- Reverend Monsignor David L. Cassato shall be the Pastor of the Parish.

- The territorial boundaries of the new parish shall encompass all of the territory which, up until now, has constituted the territories of Saint Athanasius and Saint Dominic.
- All assets and obligations currently belonging to aforementioned parishes are by this canonical merger, transferred to the Parish of Saint Athanasius – Saint Dominic.
- The parochial registers and the seals of the aforementioned parishes shall be kept at 2154 61<sup>st</sup> Street, Brooklyn, New York 11214.
- The Parish shall have two churches for worship: The Church of Saint Athanasius and the Church of Saint Dominic.

This merger shall take effect on September 1, 2019, at which time the public juridic persons of Saint Athanasius – Saint Dominic shall be merged. Recourse action may be sought according to the norms of Canons 1732 to 1739 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.



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Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Brooklyn

Given in Brooklyn  
This 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019



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Chancellor

