

**ROBERT J. BRENNAN**  
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 Queens, as well to administrate the temporal goods of the faithful more efficiently, Reverend Josephjude C. Gannon, Pastor of Saint Gerard Majella, located at 188-16 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Hollis, New York 11423, and also Administrator of Incarnation, located at 89-43 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village, New York 11427, petitioned that they be canonically merged.

In keeping with the requirements of the Universal Law of the Church, the Presbyteral Council was consulted on October 12, 2023 (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 Incarnation and Saint Gerard Majella, both within the Diocese of Brooklyn, shall be merged to form one Parish.


- This one Parish shall be named **Incarnation–Saint Gerard Majella** parish, with the main Parish office to be located 89-43 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village, New York 11427.
- Reverend Josephjude C. Gannon 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 Incarnation and Saint Gerard Majella.
- All assets and obligations currently belonging to aforementioned parishes are by this canonical merger, transferred to the Incarnation–Saint Gerard Majella parish.
- The parochial registers and the seals of the aforementioned parishes shall be kept at 89-43 Francis Lewis Boulevard, Queens Village, New York 11427.
- The Parish shall have two churches for worship: The Church of Incarnation and Saint Gerard Majella.

This merger shall take effect on February 15, 2024, at which time the public juridic persons of Incarnation–Saint Gerard Majella 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 Robert J. Brennan  
Bishop of Brooklyn

Given in Brooklyn,  
This 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024

  
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Chancellor

