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September 24, 2025

Reverend Thomas V. Doyle
Pastor
Good Shepherd-Resurrection Parish
1950 Batchelder Street
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Dear Father Doyle:

Enclosed please find the Decree for the Merger of **Good Shepherd–Resurrection** Parish.

If I may be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Aguggia".

Reverend Monsignor Steven J. Aguggia, J.C.L.
Chancellor and Vicar for Canonical Affairs

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Enclosure



ROBERT J. BRENNAN
By the Grace of God and of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF BROOKLYN



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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 Thomas V. Doyle, Pastor of Good Shepherd, located at 1950 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, New York 11229, and also Pastor of Resurrection, located at 2331 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229, petitioned that they be canonically merged.

In keeping with the requirements of the Universal Law of the Church, the Presbyteral Council was consulted on February 25, 2025 (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 Good Shepherd and Resurrection, both within the Diocese of Brooklyn, shall be merged to form one Parish.

- This one Parish shall be named **Good Shepherd–Resurrection** parish, with the main Parish office to be located 1950 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, New York 11229.
- Reverend Thomas V. Doyle shall be the Pastor of the Parish.

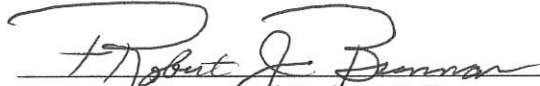
- The territorial boundaries of the new parish shall encompass all of the territory which, up until now, has constituted the territories of Good Shepherd–Resurrection.
- All assets and obligations currently belonging to aforementioned parishes are by this canonical merger, transferred to the Good Shepherd–Resurrection parish.
- The parochial registers and the seals of the aforementioned parishes shall be kept at 1950 Batchelder Street, Brooklyn, New York 11229.
- The Parish shall have two churches for worship: The Church of Good Shepherd and Resurrection.

This merger shall take effect on January 1, 2026, at which time the public juridic persons of Good Shepherd–Resurrection shall be merged. Recourse action may be sought according to the norms of Canons 1732 to 1739 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

Given in Brooklyn,
This 10th day of September 2025



Msgr. Steven Asuncion
Chancellor



Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn