



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 Brooklyn, as well to administrate the temporal goods of the faithful more efficiently, Reverend John J. Maduri, Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven, located at 1395 East 56th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234, and also Pastor of Saint Bernard Clairvaux, located at 2055 East 69th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234, petitioned that they be canonically merged.

In keeping with the requirements of the Universal Law of the Church, the Presbyteral Council was consulted on March 24, 2026 (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 Mary Queen of Heaven and Saint Bernard Clairvaux, both within the Diocese of Brooklyn, shall be merged to form one Parish.

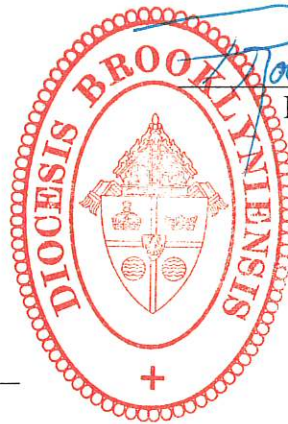
- This one Parish shall be named **Mary Queen of Heaven – Saint Bernard Clairvaux** parish, with the main Parish office to be located 2055 East 69th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234.
- The territorial boundaries of the new parish shall encompass all of the territory which, up until now, has constituted the territories of Mary Queen of Heaven – Saint Bernard Clairvaux.
- All assets and obligations currently belonging to aforementioned parishes are by this canonical merger, transferred to the Mary Queen of Heaven – Saint Bernard Clairvaux parish.

- The parochial registers and the seals of the aforementioned parishes shall be kept at 2055 East 69th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234.
- The Parish shall have two churches for worship: The Church of Mary Queen of Heaven and Saint Bernard Clairvaux. The church of Saint Bernard will be designated as the parish church.

This merger shall take effect on July 1, 2026, at which time the public juridic persons of Mary Queen of Heaven – Saint Bernard Clairvaux shall be merged.

I order the publication of this decree in The Diocesan of Brooklyn Weekly Newspaper (The Tablet) and simultaneously on the diocesan website and determine that this publication will constitute the legitimate notification of the decree.

All those who claim to have been aggrieved by this decree are herewith notified that, if they desire to file recourse against our decree, they are required, *ad validitatem*, to submit a petition in the sense of canon 1734 §1 to us within ten useful days from the legitimate notification of this decree.



Robert J. Brennan
Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

Given in Brooklyn,
This 28th day of April 2026

Rev. Peter J. Pappano
Chancellor