



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, Very Reverend Patrick J. West, Pastor of Saint Sebastian, located at 39-63 57th Street, Woodside, New York 11377, and also Pastor of Corpus Christi, located at 31-30 61st Street, Woodside, New York 11377, 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, 2024 (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 Sebastian and Corpus Christi, both within the Diocese of Brooklyn, shall be merged to form one Parish.

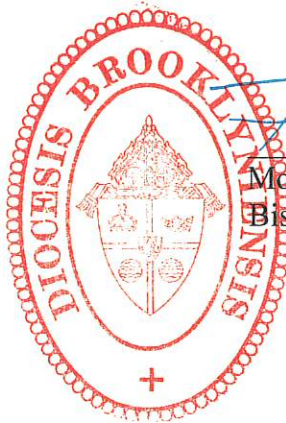
- This one Parish shall be named **Saint Sebastian – Corpus Christi** parish, with the main Parish office to be located 39-63 57th Street, Woodside, New York 11377.
- The territorial boundaries of the new parish shall encompass all of the territory which, up until now, has constituted the territories of Saint Sebastian – Corpus Christi.
- All assets and obligations currently belonging to aforementioned parishes are by this canonical merger, transferred to the Saint Sebastian – Corpus Christi parish.
- The parochial registers and the seals of the aforementioned parishes shall be kept at 39-63 57th Street, Woodside, New York 11377.

- The Parish shall have two churches for worship: The Church of Saint Sebastian and Corpus Christi. The church of Saint Sebastian is herewith designated as the parish church.

This merger shall take effect on July 1, 2026, at which time the public juridic persons of Saint Sebastian – Corpus Christi shall be merged.


I order the publication of this decree in 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.




Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Brooklyn

Given in Brooklyn,
This 28th day of April 2026


Chancellor