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*By the Grace of God and Favor of the Apostolic See*

Bishop of Trenton

## DECREE

for the Merging via  
Extinctive Union of

Church of the Ascension, Bradley Beach  
and St. Elizabeth Church, Avon  
into a new parish named  
**Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta,  
Bradley Beach, New Jersey**

Following the completion of a Diocesan-wide planning process known as *Faith In Our Future* involving representatives from each parish, recommendations were made to a Diocesan Planning Commission consisting of Clergy and Lay representatives. The final recommendations of the Commission were evaluated through the episcopal consultation with the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Consultors, Episcopal Council, Curia and the priests of the Diocese.

Through this process, a proposal was initiated and accepted to merge by extinctive union of the Church of the Ascension and St. Elizabeth Church.

The following just causes support this proposal:

1. To better provide for the pastoral needs of the faithful who reside within the adjoining territories of the Church of the Ascension in Bradley Beach and St. Elizabeth Church in Avon;
2. To provide for a better stewardship of resources;
3. To provide for the optimum use of clergy, religious, and lay personnel;
4. To promote the vitality of parish life in the area.

Accordingly, in virtue of the prescriptions of canon 121 and canon 515 of the *Code of Canon Law*, in order to provide more effectively for the spiritual welfare of the faithful and the salvation of souls, having judged that sufficient and just causes are present, and having consulted the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Trenton in accord with Canon 515, §2, I hereby

#### DECREE

1. That the Church of the Ascension, Bradley Beach and St. Elizabeth Church, Avon, New Jersey be altered and merged by an extinctive union into a new parish;
2. That the name of the parish will be known as the Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta, Bradley Beach, New Jersey;
3. That this territorial parish will serve the needs of those who reside in the parish territory;
4. The territorial boundaries are as follows:

**North: Fletcher Lake along the Bradley Beach municipal line to Main Street, north on Main Street to Corlies Avenue (Route 33), to Neptune Blvd/Springdale Ave;**

**East: Atlantic Ocean from Fletcher Lake to the Shark River Inlet;**


**South: West following the Shark River Inlet, around Shark River Island, to the bridge at Lakewood Road/East End Avenue/Tucker Drive, then northeast on Tucker Drive to Sylvania Avenue;**

**West: Northwest on Sylvania Avenue to Springdale Avenue, then north along Springdale Avenue to Corlies Avenue (Route 33)**

5. That in addition to the residents of the parish territory, all the faithful who are currently registered members of the existing parishes will comprise the parish;
6. That the intention or will of the donors, as well as any acquired rights of each of the merging parishes have been examined and taken into consideration, especially with regard to the allocation of goods and the obligation of debts;
7. That the Church of the Ascension and St. Elizabeth Church will both continue to be utilized for the spiritual needs of the faithful as long as they are needed and the parish can allocate resources for their operation and maintenance;
8. That the goods belonging or assigned or given to the Church of the Ascension and St. Elizabeth Church, including patrimony, property, funds, gifts, grants and pious legacies, pious foundations, and any debts and obligations, shall be assigned to the new Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta;
9. That the sacramental registers, death registers and matrimonial files of each of the parishes will be kept at the office of the Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta at 501 Brinley Avenue, Bradley Beach, New Jersey;
10. Finally, that the voluntary offerings of the faithful, as well as other gifts, grants, pious wills and pious foundations which have been or will be made to the Church of the Ascension and St. Elizabeth Church constitute the revenue of the Parish of St. Teresa of Calcutta.


This decree becomes effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2018, prior to which it is to be communicated to the faithful in an appropriate manner. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Trenton on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.



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*Bishop of Trenton*



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