

DECREE BESTOWING UPON A NEW PARISH THE PATRONAGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

In accordance with the norms of canons 121 and 515 of the Code of Canon Law, I, the Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Metropolitan Archbishop of Saint Louis, erected a new and unique territorial Parish on May 28, 2023, through a true and proper fusion of the former Immaculate Conception Parish and Saint David Parish, both in Arnold, Missouri.

After having consulted the pastor who received the counsel of the members of the new Parish for its proper name, I hereby decree that this Parish is henceforth known as **Holy Family Parish** in Arnold, Missouri.

In a recent Angelus Address on the Feast of the Holy Family, His Holiness Pope Francis reminds us that “It is good to reflect on the fact that the Son of God wanted to be in need of the warmth of a family, like all children. Precisely for this reason, because it is Jesus’ family, the family of Nazareth is the model family, in which all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration. In Nazareth, the springtime of the human life of the Son of God began to blossom at the moment he was conceived by the work of the Holy Spirit in the virginal womb of Mary. Within the welcoming walls of the House of Nazareth, Jesus’ childhood unfolded in joy, surrounded by the maternal attention of Mary and the care of Joseph, in whom Jesus was able to see God’s tenderness (*cf.*, Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, 2)” (December 27, 2020).

The feast day of the Holy Family is on the Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, or, if there is no Sunday, December 30.

In accordance with the norms of canon 535 §§1 and 3-4, Holy Family Parish is to have parochial registers, that is, those of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and deaths; its own seal; and a storage area, or archive, in which the parochial registers are protected along with letters of bishops and other documents which are to be preserved.

The titles of the former parish churches of Holy Family Parish cannot be changed given that they were consecrated or dedicated (canon 1218).

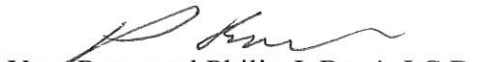
This Decree is effective February 2, 2024. Its official notification is its publication on the website of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on February 2, 2024.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given in the offices of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, this eighteenth day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, 2024.



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of Saint Louis



Very Reverend Philip J. Bené, J.C.D.
Notary

