

DECREE OF ESTABLISHMENT
Saint John Paul II Quasi-Parish
Denver, Colorado

The Second Vatican Council, in its *Decree Concerning the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church*, (CD, 32) provides that the diocesan bishop is responsible for the pastoral care of those living in the diocese. He is to see to their spiritual well-being by establishing parishes or, when necessary pursuant to universal and particular law, quasi-parishes, when it is opportune to do so.

In virtue of this mandate, and to serve the growing population of the Northglenn/Thornton area and the increasing number of parishioners at Immaculate Heart of Mary, after having consulted the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Denver on the 13th day of September 2017 (Prot. N. 2017-0567 AB-A) and the priests of the Northeast Deanery, and in recognition of the community of Christian faithful already coming together to celebrate the Mass at Frassati Catholic Academy, by this decree, I canonically establish a new territorial quasi-parish (*CIC*, canon 516 § 1), in the Northeast Deanery, under the patronage of Saint John Paul II, whose feast is celebrated on the 22nd day of October. Its specific location to be determined by the future acquisition of land that will house the parish church and offices.

The parochial administrator for Saint John Paul II quasi-parish shall be Rev. James Spahn, in addition to his current assignment as Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Saint John Paul II quasi-parish, shall have the following boundaries:

Northern Boundary- East on East 168th Avenue from I-(Interstate) 25 to Quebec Street.

Eastern Boundary- South on Quebec Street from 168th Avenue to E-(Express) 470, then south-east to USH (United States Highway) 85, then southwest to East 104th Avenue.

Southern Boundary- West on East 104th Avenue from CSH 85 to Riverdale Road.

Western Boundary- North on Riverdale Road from East 104th Avenue to Holly Street, then north to East 128th Avenue, then west to I-25, then north to East 168th Avenue.

Saint John Paul II quasi-parish has Juridic personality *ipso iure* (*CIC*, canon 515 § 3), with all the rights, privileges, and obligations attached thereto. I also approve its statutes (*CIC*, canon 117), which are attached to this decree. The administration of its temporal goods is subject to the existing universal and diocesan norms, as well as any applicable civil laws.

The banking and financial administration of Saint John Paul II quasi-parish shall remain an aspect of Immaculate Heart of Mary, yet be accounted for separately, until such a time as a civil non-profit corporation is erected.

After consultation with the pastor and parish finance council of Immaculate Heart of Mary, it is hereby decreed that this parish shall, before the 1st of December 2017, pursuant to the provisions of *CIC*, canon 122, contribute/designate the sum of \$20,000 to Saint John Paul II quasi-parish.

Until a parish church is erected, liturgical functions will continue at Frassati Catholic Academy, or another appropriate gathering space designated by the administrator. However, baptisms, weddings, and funerals may also be celebrated at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In accord with the norms of *CIC*, canons 516, 536 and 537, a pastoral council and finance council shall be constituted in the Saint John Paul II quasi-parish, pursuant to the norms of universal and particular law.

Saint John Paul II quasi-parish is to have its own parish registers (*CIC*, canon 535 §§ 1-2) with entries beginning on the Sunday, December 3, 2017; its own parish seal (*CIC*, canon 535 § 3); and its own parish archives (*CIC*, canon 535 § 4).

All the Christian faithful who have a domicile or quasi-domicile in the territory defined above belong by law to Saint John Paul II quasi-parish.

This present decree shall take effect on the 3rd day of December 2017, the 1st Sunday of Advent.

May Saint John Paul II, the heavenly patron of this new quasi-parish, intercede with the Father for rich blessings to come upon this new community of the Christian faithful through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Given at the *Curia Denveriensis* on this 4th day of November 2017, on the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Denver, Colorado.