



+ July 8, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters at St. Joseph Parish,

May the Lord bless each of you.

Today I have issued the official decree to merge the parish of St. Patrick into St. Joseph Parish, effective September 1, 2022.

I wish to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting St. Patrick's parishioners as they discerned the future path for their parish. St. Joseph parishioners and leadership took time to answer questions and explore options with them. This work and information were critical to help the parishioners of St. Patrick's make their recommendation to me. Thank you for accompanying your brothers and sisters during this time of transition.

Based on your openness to support the parishioners of St. Patrick's, I have no doubt that you will welcome and engage them. They will bring many diverse talents and gifts to share, which will enrich this new merged community. Together, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, the larger, vibrant community will continue its great work of helping others know the love and joy of our Lord.

Please know of my continued prayers for you. I pray that through these changes you experience the grace of the Holy Spirit and hope for the future. As always, I remain,

In the Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul D. Etienne'.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle