



DECREE OF EXTINCTIVE UNION
FOR
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH IN EVERETT

To Our Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Seattle:

Whereas, Immaculate Conception Parish in Everett was established in 1904 to provide for the needs of the Catholic faithful in the city; and

Whereas, the parishes in North Everett have had discussions regarding a potential consolidation at various points for more than 25 years; and

Whereas, the Archdiocesan Strategic Planning Committee, led by Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg, commissioned a review of the parish in 2020 with a view to ensuring that parish structures are oriented toward mission and “capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” (*Evangelii gaudium*, 27); and

Whereas, the results of the review concerning the condition of the parish, the vitality of its ministries, the efficacy of its outreach and evangelization efforts, and the pastoral needs of its people demonstrated that:

- parish membership has decreased by 47 percent since 2015, while the overall population of the city of Everett has grown
- a general downward trend with regard to the reception of sacraments points to the need to revitalize a sense of missionary discipleship to ensure a robust community into the future
- the parish church is only one mile from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish church
- only one parish is needed in North Everett to support the current and forecasted Catholic community and school
- the consolidation with the nearby parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Everett would create a stronger community of the faithful for worship, ministry, and outreach
- parishioners of both Immaculate Conception Parish and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish already participate in Eucharist and catechetical formation programs across the two communities

- some programs and ministries have already been consolidated with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish for efficiency due to financial and human resources limitations
- Immaculate Conception School and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School merged into one location at the Immaculate Conception campus in 1987

Therefore, having considered the necessary information and proofs; having heard the Presbyteral Council, in accordance with canon 515 §2, on September 16, 2021; having heard, in accordance with canon 50, all those whose rights might be injured, including three meetings with the Parish Pastoral Council, most recently on Jan 20, 2022; having heard from the parishioners as a whole at meetings on July 26, 2021 and September 1, 2021; and with due consideration for the good of souls; I, the undersigned Archbishop of Seattle, in accord with canon 515 §2, do hereby decree the following:

1. By means of an extinctive union, Immaculate Conception Parish in Everett shall be conjoined with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Everett so that a new juridic person is constituted, in accord with canon 121. The name of this new public juridic person shall be Our Lady of Hope Parish.
2. The intentions of the founders and donors regarding the temporal goods and patrimonial rights proper to the extinct Immaculate Conception Parish will be respected. In addition, the patrimonial goods, rights, and obligations of the extinct Immaculate Conception Parish are to be defined and allocated in accordance with the norm of law (cc. 121, 1267 §3).
3. All sacramental registers of the extinct Immaculate Conception Parish are to be properly preserved and safeguarded by Our Lady of Hope Parish in accordance with the norm of law.
4. Henceforth, the boundaries of Our Lady of Hope Parish shall be as follows:
 - **North:** Beginning at the mouth of the Snohomish River, proceed north and east along Puget Sound to Steamboat Slough,
 - thence east along Steamboat Slough to the extension of 28th St NE,
 - thence east on 28th St NE to its merge with Sunnyside Blvd,
 - thence east on Sunnyside Blvd as it becomes Soper Hill Rd,
 - thence east on Soper Hill Rd to Hwy 9.
 - **East:** South on Hwy 9 to its junction with S Lake Stevens Rd,
 - thence southwest on S Lake Stevens Rd to 87th Ave SE (Sinclair Ave.)
 - thence south on 87th Ave SE/Sinclair Ave to 52nd St SE/Skipley Rd,
 - thence west on 52nd St SE/Skipley Rd to 83rd Ave SE,
 - thence south on 83rd Ave SE to 76th St SE,
 - thence east on 76th St SE to 85th Ave SE,

- thence south on 85th Ave SE to Riverview Rd,
- thence southeast on Riverview Rd to Hwy 9,
- thence south on Hwy 9 to the Snohomish River.
- **South:** West and north on the Snohomish River to the border between T28N and T29N.
- thence west on 52nd St SE extended/ dividing line between T28N and T29N, to the southwest corner of section 34, T29N, R4E.
- **West:** North on the western section line of Section 34, T29N, R4E to Puget Sound,
- thence northeast along the shore of Puget Sound to the mouth of the Snohomish River, the point of beginning.

5. This decree becomes effective on July 1, 2022.

6. This decree is to be communicated to the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, who will notify his parishioners as soon as possible upon receipt. It may be challenged within the peremptory time limit of ten useful days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 §2). Any initial recourse is to be sent to the Archbishop of Seattle at 710 9th Avenue Seattle, Washington, 98104.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the chancery of the Archdiocese of Seattle this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord 2022.



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

Benjamin Altenhofen
Chancellor