



## DECREE

### FOR

### OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH IN EVERETT

To Our Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Seattle:

Whereas, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Everett was established in 1891 to provide for the needs of the Catholic faithful in the city; and

Whereas, Immaculate Conception Parish in Everett was established in 1904 to provide for the same purpose; and

Whereas, these two 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 two parishes 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 parishes, the vitality of their ministries, the efficacy of their outreach and evangelization efforts, and the pastoral needs of their people demonstrated that consolidation would create a stronger community of the faithful for worship, ministry, and outreach.

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, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Everett shall be conjoined with Immaculate Conception 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. Our Lady of Hope Parish obtains the goods and patrimonial rights proper to the extinct Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish and assumes their obligations. With regard to the allocation of goods in particular and to the fulfillment of obligations, the intention of the founders and donors as well as acquired rights must be respected. (c. 121)
3. The primary worship site for Our Lady of Hope Parish will be the church at 2501 Hoyt Avenue in Everett.
4. All sacramental registers of the extinct Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish are to be properly preserved and safeguarded by Our Lady of Hope Parish in accordance with the norm of law.
5. 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 28<sup>th</sup> St NE,
  - thence east on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (Sinclair Ave.)
  - thence south on 87<sup>th</sup> Ave SE/Sinclair Ave to 52<sup>nd</sup> St SE/Skipley Rd,
  - thence west on 52<sup>nd</sup> St SE/Skipley Rd to 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE,
  - thence south on 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE to 76<sup>th</sup> St SE,
  - thence east on 76<sup>th</sup> St SE to 85<sup>th</sup> Ave SE,
  - thence south on 85<sup>th</sup> 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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.
6. This decree becomes effective on July 1, 2022.

7. A separate decree for each parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Immaculate Conception, has also been issued this day to provide a summary of facts particular to each parish's condition.
8. This decree is to be communicated to the pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and Immaculate Conception Parish, who will notify his parishioners as soon as possible upon receipt.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

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



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Paul D. Etienne".

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

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Benjamin Altenhofen  
Chancellor