

PETER A. LIBASCI

by the Grace of God, and the Pleasure of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Manchester

DECREE

Whereas: the current allocation of the Catholic Faithful in the Diocese of Manchester who are attached to the celebration of the *usus antiquior* of the Catholic Church is such that, it is now deemed auspicious, at the recommendation of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and before it, by the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*, by its then President, His Excellency Archbishop GUIDO POZZO on 23 February 2016, to erect a new Personal Parish within the Diocese of Manchester to better serve their needs;

Whereas: the process to identify the most productive solution and address the particulars of the intended community, was initiated in 2018, some three years ago;

Whereas: dispositions must be taken to avoid any further detachment from the Church by some of the faithful who might be misguided by a certain pervasive and local misrepresentation of Church teachings;

Whereas: this is in accord with the provisions set by, and in the spirit of, the motu proprio *Traditionis custodes*;

Whereas: having sought and heard the counsel of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Manchester on August 9, 2021, and in accordance with the norms of canons 515, §1-3 and 518;

**I hereby erect Saint Stanislaus Parish, Winchester, New Hampshire,
as a Personal Parish**

to serve those faithful who, out of sincere attachment to the liturgical tradition, desire to celebrate the Rites of the Church in accord with the typical edition of the liturgical books issued by Pope SAINT JOHN XXIII in 1962.

The Bishop of Manchester entrusts, by mutually agreed terms, the care of the souls of the members of Saint Stanislaus Parish to the INSTITUTE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (IBP) for an initial period of twelve years (agreed upon termination clause notwithstanding).

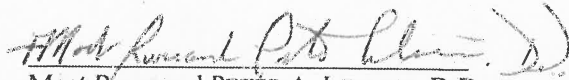
Saint Stanislaus Parish remains solely subject to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester, its particular laws and statutes, especially as regards the norms for the protection of children.

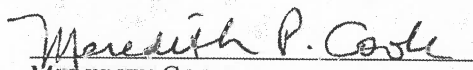
The following is to be observed:

1. This Parish is personal and not territorial. Membership in the Saint Stanislaus Parish is established by registering in the Parish and by informing their territorial parishes of this fact.
2. That in keeping with the norms established in the Apostolic letter issued *Motu Proprio Traditionis custodes*, the Bishop of Manchester is to determine that those belonging to this Parish “do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs”, criteria are to be enacted to assert these requirements. These measures are to be set from time to time by the Bishop of Manchester with consultation with the Pastor of the Parish. Until such a time, the current norms are to be a verbal and signed proclamation of the Oath of Fidelity and the Profession of Faith approved by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in the presence of the Pastor and a witness stably appointed for that task. The matter and form of this requirement are for validity and liceity.
3. All administration matters of the Parish, spiritual, pastoral, and financial, are to be conducted according the norms of universal and particular law and in keeping with all diocesan regulations, with the exceptions of those rights which are particular to Institutes of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right.
4. The Bishop of Manchester has the exclusive right to approve and appoint the Pastor of Saint Stanislaus Parish in consultation with the proper superior of the INSTITUTE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
5. The Pastor shall be bound to the obligation of the Mass *pro populo* according to canon 534.
6. Although a Personal Parish, Saint Stanislaus Parish belongs to the Monadnock Deanery, and in the spirit of ecclesial communion, the clergy assigned to the Parish are to partake in the life of the Deanery for the greater good of the mission of the Diocese of Manchester.
7. The Parish will keep records of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals celebrated in the Parish in accord with Church law and diocesan guidelines.

I entrust to the Lord, under the title of Saint Stanislaus Parish, the continued spiritual growth and development of this community of Christ's faithful. May those who choose to belong to this new parish continually develop their sense of belonging to the Church, in close communion with the Bishop of Manchester, and strive to be an integral part of the pastoral activities of the Diocese of Manchester.

Hereby decreed on this the 12th day of August 2021, at the Chancery of the Diocese of Manchester,


Most Reverend PETER A. LIBASCI, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester


MEREDITH COOK
Chancellor