HIS EXCELLENCY THE MOST REVEREND JOHN M. LEVOIR By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See BISHOP OF NEW ULM

DECREE MERGING THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN IN HECTOR INTO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BIRD ISLAND, MINNESOTA

Prot. No. 2020/04

To provide more suitably for the good of souls, I have determined and decided that on June 7, 2020, the canonically erected Parish of St. John in Hector is to be herewith merged into the Parish of St. Mary in Bird Island, Minnesota, and to continue to be known as the Parish of the St. Mary with the additional territory of the former parish of St. John being added to it; therefore:

- 1. Having carefully considered the law and the facts; and
- 2. Having heard the Presbyteral Council on August 26, 2019; and
- 3. Having heard the Parishoners of the Parish of St. John, by means of parish meeting on June 19, 2019; and
- 4. Having determined that the good of souls requires it,

I, the undersigned Bishop of New Ulm, do hereby decree that the territory of the Parish of St. John in Hector is now joined to the territory of the Church of St. Mary, the name of newly merged parish remaining St. Mary. The care and transfer of all temporal goods of the former Parish of St. John is to be given over to the Church of St. Mary in Bird Island.

This Decree is to be communicated to the Reverend Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in Bird Island, Minnesota, who is the canonical representative of the parish according to the norm of law in canon 532.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of New Ulm, on this day, the 7th of June, in the Year of Our Lord 2020.

Most Reverend John M. LeVoir

Bishop of New Ulm

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