



Implementation of this Decree

All parish registers or other significant books containing Sacramental Records (i.e., Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Marriage), Professions of Faith, and Death Records preserved at ST. MARY'S PARISH, Prince George, BC, shall be transferred to SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH where they will be preserved in accord with canon 535, §§1-5.

In accordance with the norms of canon 121 and 122, all assets, whether movable or immovable, and all liabilities of ST. MARY'S PARISH will become designated assets and liabilities of either SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH or CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH.

Possession of all ecclesiastical goods and all objects of artistic or historical value belonging to ST. MARY'S PARISH shall be transferred to either SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH or CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH and shall be administered in accordance with the prescriptions of Church law.

After seeking the advice of the College of Consultors and the Diocesan Finance Council, the Bishop will determine which assets and liabilities will be designated to SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH or CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH.

After seeking the advice of the College of Consultors, the Diocesan Archivist, the Rector of SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH, and the Pastor of CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH, the Bishop will determine which objects of artistic or historical value (if any) will be transferred to either of the said parishes.

The **TOTAL DIVISION** and **INCORPORATION** of ST. MARY'S PARISH, Prince George, BC, and its parochial boundaries into the parishes of SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL PARISH, Prince George, BC, and CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH, Prince George, BC, will suppress and extinguish the juridic personality of ST. MARY'S PARISH, which it now possesses by canon law.

Therefore, ST. MARY'S PARISH shall no longer be the subject in canon law of obligations and rights corresponding to its nature as a juridic person. In addition, ST. MARY'S PARISH shall no longer be capable of acquiring, retaining, administering, and alienating temporal goods according to the norm of law.

St. Mary's Elementary School will continue to operate under the CISPG Constitution and Bylaws. The Bishop will assign a priest who is not the Rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral as his Delegate to the School Council and chaplain of the school.

This Decree shall be given as information to the Pastor of ST. MARY'S PARISH, Prince George, BC, the Pastor of CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR PARISH, Prince George, BC, and the Rector of

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, Prince George, BC, prior to publication.

This decree shall be promulgated via the Wednesday Weekly on January 28, 2026, and presented as information at all Sunday Masses (including those of Anticipation) at all four city parishes located in Prince George, BC, on January 24 and 25, 2026.

Existing staff at St. Mary's Parish will be provided with a combination of appropriate notice and severance. If staff find a placement at another parish in the diocese, severance will be adjusted to take into account the continuing employment of the staff member by RCEC.

On a final note, the Code of Canon Law provides for the following:

“Can. 1737 §1. A person who claims to have been aggrieved by a decree can make recourse for any just reason to the hierarchical superior of the one who issued the decree. The recourse can be proposed before the author of the decree who must transmit it immediately to the competent hierarchical superior.

§2. Recourse must be proposed within the peremptory time limit of fifteen useful days which in the cases mentioned in can. 1734, §3 run from the day on which the decree was communicated; in other cases, however, they run according to the norm of can. 1735.”

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