

The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano



By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See

Bishop of Bridgeport

**DECREE FOR THE EXTINCTIVE UNION OF  
HOLY FAMILY AND SAINT EMERY PARISH  
OF FAIRFIELD, CT**

In virtue of the office entrusted to me, I, the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, concerned with the spiritual welfare of the souls entrusted to me, zealous of removing everything that may be detrimental to their well-being and desiring to promote everything becoming of their progress, having heard the people of Holy Family and Saint Emery Parish, Fairfield, CT,

- having considered the law and the facts, and;
- having heard all those whose rights may be harmed (c. 50) on January 31, 2025, March 11, 2025, May 17, 2025 and July 11, 2025, and;
- having ascertained from documents and deeds and consulted those concerned that there are no major donors or heirs to be heard, and;
- having consulted the Council of Priests (c. 515 §2) on September 25, 2025, and;
- having determined that the good of the souls requires it,

**ESTABLISH THAT**

The above parish be so amalgamated, through an extinctive union, into the following three parishes:

Parish of Saint Ann, Bridgeport  
Parish of Saint Peter, Bridgeport  
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Fairfield

After the above process of discernment, this determination has been made for the following reasons:

- For the general spiritual welfare of all the parishioners
- To better serve the needs of faith formation for the children of the parish territory
- To make better use of the resources available to minister to the families

Wherefore, I, the undersigned Bishop of Bridgeport, in virtue of c. 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, do hereby decree that the Parish of Holy Family and Saint Emery, Fairfield, CT, which up

until now has been and independent parish, be so amalgamated into the above-mentioned three parishes. The parish boundaries of the three parishes will be so modified so as to incorporate the territory of the extinct parish.

I also hereby decree that all the rights, obligations and privileges of the members of Christian faithful domiciled in the territory of the above amalgamated parishes, accorded them by law or legitimately acquired, are to be transferred to and made part of the above-mentioned parishes.

The intentions of the founders and donors of the patrimony of the two amalgamated parishes, must be respected, in accordance with the law (c. 121 & 122). All sacramental registers and parish files of the amalgamated parish are to be properly transferred to, preserved and safeguarded by the Chancery of the Diocese of Bridgeport, in accord with the norm of law.

This decree becomes effective on November 1, 2025.

This decree is to be communicated to the respective pastors who are the proper administrators of the juridical persons that are being amalgamated. It is also to be communicated to all interested persons, according to the norm of law (c. 532). It may be challenged within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 §2).

Given this 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2025, the Solemnity of All Saints, at the Office of the Bishop, Bridgeport, Connecticut.



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano  
Bishop of Bridgeport



Deacon Patrick Toole  
Chancellor