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IN NOMINE DOMINI

I, Archbishop Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston, having carefully considered the pastoral situation of **SAINT JEREMIAH PARISH** in **FRAMINGHAM**, Massachusetts, have come to the determination that Saint Jeremiah Parish in Framingham should be suppressed.

This determination has been made in light of the wider reconfiguration initiative of the Archdiocese of Boston, which will allow the Archdiocese of Boston to more efficiently use its resources to better serve the People of God.

Having considered the needs of the Catholic population of Framingham, it is my belief that two parishes are sufficient to serve the needs of the faithful. The small number of worshipers at Saint Jeremiah Parish, and its relatively low sacramental index, have led me to conclude that the remaining parishes in the area can appropriately serve the pastoral and spiritual needs of the People of God of Saint Jeremiah Parish.

As part of the reconfiguration process I have consulted with the "cluster" of parishes that included the Pastor and representatives of the people of Saint Jeremiah Parish in Framingham, as well as the Vicar Forane, the Regional Bishop, a "Central Committee" composed of priests and laypeople, and, in accord with Canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Boston on May 7, 2004.

Having carefully considered the consultation of these parties, and with dutiful concern for the spiritual needs of the people of Framingham, Massachusetts, I hereby decree,

that Saint Jeremiah Parish in Framingham, be suppressed,

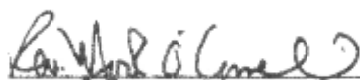
that the territory of Saint Jeremiah Parish be territory of Saint George Parish in Framingham,

that the canonical registers of Saint Jeremiah Parish be kept at Saint George Parish in Framingham,

that the goods and obligations of Saint Jeremiah Parish become the goods and obligations of the Archdiocese of Boston.

This Decree shall be effective at 12:00 Noon, May 13, 2005.

  
Archbishop of Boston

  
Ecclesiastical Notary  
April 25, 2004