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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Following a lengthy process of consultation concerning the future of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington, Vermont, with parishioners, diocesan boards and the presbyteral council, and having sought the advice and guidance of The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, as well as the counsel of the Congregation for Bishops, I am pleased to promulgate the March 10, 2018 Decree issued by the Congregation for Bishops (Prot. N. 501/2017) in which the title of Cathedral is transferred to St. Joseph Co-Cathedral.

While the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Burlington is now St. Joseph Cathedral, the patroness of the Diocese remains Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

This transfer of title having been completed, consultation regarding the disposition of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception and its church building will now commence.

With an assurance of my prayers for our entire diocesan family and asking for your good prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

Reverend Monsignor John J. McDermott
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia
Ecclesiastical Notary



CONGREGATIO PRO EPISCOPIIS

BURLINGTONENSIS

De Episcopalis Cathedræ translatione

DECRETUM

Exc.mus P.D. Christophorus Iacobus Coyne, Episcopus Burlingtonensis, ab Apostolica Sede enixe postulavit ut, ad aptius tutiusque animarum bono consulendum, Cathedralis titulus templi Deo in honorem Immaculatae Conceptionis dicati, in civitate Burlingtonensi constituti, exstingueretur et Concathedralem in eadem civitate sitam Deo in honorem Sancti Iosephi dicatam, ad gradum ac dignitatem Ecclesiæ Cathedralis eiusdem diœcesis eveheretur.

Summus Pontifex FRANCISCUS, Divina Providentia PP., præhabito favorabili voto Exc.mi Christophori Pierre, Archiepiscopi titularis Gunelensis et in Civitatibus Fœderatis Americæ Septentrionalis Apostolici Nuntii, de consilio Congregationis pro Episcopis, preces ad Se admotas, Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ profectum ac animarum salutem prae oculis habens, excipiendas statuit.

Quapropter, Idem Summus Pontifex, suppleto quatenus opus sit, eorum interesse habentium vel habere præsumendum consensu, præsentì Congregationis pro Episcopis Decreto, perinde valituro ac si Apostolicæ sub plumbo Litteræ datæ forent, Cathedralis titulum templi Immaculatae Conceptionis exstinguit et memoratam Concathedralem Sancti Iosephi ad gradum ac dignitatem Ecclesiæ Cathedralis eiusdem diœcesis evehit, collatis simul omnibus prærogativis, iuribus et privilegiis quibus ceteræ Cathedrales Ecclesiæ, ad normam iuris, fruuntur.

Ad hæc perficienda deputat memoratum Exc.mum P.D. Christophorum Pierre, Archiepiscopum titularem Gunelensem et in Civitatibus Fœderatis Americæ Septentrionalis Apostolicum Nuntium, necessarias et oportunas eidem tribuens facultates etiam subdelegandi, ad effectum de quo agitur, quemlibet virum in ecclesiastica dignitate constitutum, onere imposito ad eandem Congregationem pro Episcopis, ubi primum fas erit, authenticum exemplar actus peractæ executionis remittendi.

Contrariis quibusvis minime obstantibus.

Datum Romæ, ex ædibus Congregationis pro Episcopis, die 10 mensis Martii anno 2018.

Marcus Kard. D'Ercole

+ J.P. de Jesus Montanari
A Secretis

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Prot. N. 501/2017

CONGREGATION FOR BISHOPS

DECREE

Regarding the Transferring of the Episcopal Throne of BURLINGTON

His Excellency, Christopher James Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, earnestly requested from the Apostolic See that, for more fittingly and safely considering the good of souls, the title of Cathedral of the church dedicated to God in honor of the Immaculate Conception, established in the city of Burlington, might be abolished, and the Co-Cathedral standing in the same city dedicated to God in honor of Saint Joseph, might be raised to the position and dignity of the Cathedral Church of the same diocese.

The Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS, Pope by Divine Providence, having received the favorable recommendation of His Excellency Christophe Pierre, Titular Archbishop of Gunela and Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, with the counsel of the Congregation for Bishops, having before his eyes the requests addressed to him, the progress of the Holy Mother Church and the salvation of souls, decides on what has been received.

Wherefore, the same Supreme Pontiff, supplied as far as necessary, having or presuming to have the consent of those interested, presented by the Congregation for Bishops with a Decree, and in like manner a decree as Apostolic Letters are given under seal, abolishes the title of Cathedral of the church of the Immaculate Conception and raises the above-mentioned Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph to the position and dignity of the Cathedral Church of the same diocese, conferring at the same time all the prerogatives, rights and privileges that are enjoyed by other Cathedral Churches, according to the norm of law.

That this may be done, he deposes the above-named Excellency, Christophe Pierre, Titular Archbishop of Gunela and Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, also granting to the same the necessary and suitable faculties to be sub-delegated, in order to carry this out, to any man established in ecclesiastical dignity, imposing on him the burden of remitting to the same Congregation of Bishops, when it will first be lawful, an authentic copy of the completed acts of execution.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dated at Rome, from the offices of the Congregation for Bishops, the 10th day of March in the year 2018.

(signed) Marc Cardinal Ouellet, Prefect; Ilson de Jesus Montanari, Archbishop Secretary