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His Excellency, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne,  
By the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See  
TENTH BISHOP OF BURLINGTON

### DECREE OF AMALGAMATION (Extinctive Union)

*Saint Stephen Parish*  
*Winooski, Vermont*

For over one hundred and thirty years the Catholic Faithful have been served by *Saint Stephen Parish* in Winooski, Vermont. During that time many people have heard the Word of God, have worshiped and received the sacraments of the Church in that parish. In an effort to reorganize and revitalize the People of God in this portion of the Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Burlington, and in acknowledgement of the declining and aging populations in the parish and the increasing costs of maintaining the parish buildings and properties, it seemed necessary to make new provisions for the spiritual care of the parishioners of *Saint Stephen Parish* in Winooski, Vermont.

Accordingly, the Presbyteral Council was heard in conformity with canon 515, §2 of the *Code of Canon Law* on June 30, 2020, and determined that *Saint Stephen Parish* in Winooski, Vermont, be suppressed and merged with *Saint Francis Xavier Parish* in Winooski, Vermont. The parishioners, also having been consulted and having given their support, are committed to working in concert with their parish priest and neighboring parishioners in *Saint Francis Xavier Parish*, Winooski, Vermont, to continue the work of the Church and the proclamation of the Gospel.

Since *Saint Stephen Parish* in Winooski, Vermont, will be suppressed, the goods and obligations of *Saint Stephen Parish* will belong to *Saint Francis Xavier Parish*, Winooski, Vermont. All registers containing records of baptism, confirmation, marriage and burials hitherto preserved by *Saint Stephen Parish* are conveyed to *Saint Francis Xavier Parish*, Winooski, Vermont, and will be faithfully preserved according to canon 535, paragraphs 1-5, of the *Code of Canon Law* at *Saint Francis Xavier Parish*, Winooski, Vermont. *Saint Stephen Church* will be closed and the disposition of which will be determined at a later time.

This decree becomes effective on July 15, 2020.

Interested parties will have fifteen useful days to make appeal to this decree.

Given at South Burlington, Vermont, this fourteenth day of July, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.



The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne  
Bishop of Burlington



The Reverend Monsignor John J. McDermott, V.G.  
Chancellor