

TIMOTHY MICHAEL DOLAN
Cardinal Priest of the Holy Roman Church
of the Title of Nostra Signora di Guadalupe a Monte Mario
By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See
ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

DECREE
RESCINDING THE DECREE OF MERGER OF THE PARISH OF
SAINT JEROME, BRONX, NY, AND THE PARISH OF SAINT
LUKE, BRONX, NY

Whereas a recommendation was given to merge the parish of Saint Jerome, 230 Alexander Avenue, Bronx, New York, with the parish of Saint Luke, 623 East 138th Street, Bronx, New York, based upon the complementarity of the two parishes, their proximity, and the pastoral need for intensive collaboration and the need for the care of the souls;

Whereas on November 2, 2014, we gave a decree merging the parish of Saint Jerome, Bronx, NY, and the parish of Saint Luke, Bronx, NY, effective August 1, 2015;

Whereas those who claim to have been aggrieved by a decree can make hierarchical recourse for any just reason to the hierarchical superior of the one who issued the decree (cf. can. 1737 §1), provided a request for reconsideration is first proposed in writing to the author of the decree (cf. can. 1734 §1);

Whereas as an alternative to the merger it was proposed to establish a ministry for the Ghanaian Catholic community at the parish of Saint Luke, and whereas there will be now a ministry to about as much as 1,000 Ghanaian Catholics at this aforementioned parish;

Therefore, I, the undersigned Archbishop of New York, have decided as follows:

DECREE

The decree of merger of the parish of Saint Jerome, Bronx, NY, and the parish of Saint Luke, Bronx, NY, of November 2, 2014, is herewith rescinded. The two parishes remain separate territorial parishes.

This decree is effective immediately.

All those who claim to have been aggrieved by this decree are herewith notified that, if they desire to file recourse against our decree, they are required, *ad validitatem*, to submit a petition in the sense of canon 1734 §1 to us within ten useful days from the legitimate notification of this decree.

Given at the Chancery, New York, NY, this 8th day of May, 2015, Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter.



Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York



Rev. Msgr. Greg Mustaciuolo
Chancellor