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## DECREE

### Establishing Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Parish

Whereas the Second Vatican Council, in its decree on the *Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* (CD, 32) provides that the diocesan bishop is responsible for the pastoral care of those living in the diocese and he is to see to their spiritual well-being by establishing parishes when it is opportune to do so;

And whereas the Spanish-speaking and Hispanic community began gathering at Sainte-Famille parish since 1982 when Fr. Gratien Girod became pastor, and grew to great prominence in the parish's life;

And whereas in virtue of the mandate of the *Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* (CD, 32), and given the growth in the number of Spanish-speaking Catholics of the Archdiocese of Ottawa, and after having consulted the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese (CIC, canon 515 §2) on March 6, 2012, and the parishioners concerned, I find it opportune to establish a personal parish;

Therefore, by virtue of my pastoral office and the operation of the Code of Canon Law, in conformity with diocesan norms and practice, I hereby establish canonically a new personal parish (CIC, canon 518) in the Archdiocese of Ottawa, under the patronage of Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) for all Spanish speaking persons and persons of Hispanic heritage and their families.

Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Parish will be part of Region II (English sector). So that its pastor may also have the canonical powers of a territorial pastor, it shall have as its boundaries the territory on which the church and rectory are located on Glenora Street in Ottawa.

The parish has juridic personality *a iure* (CIC, canon 515 §3) with all the rights, privileges, and obligations attached thereto.

The administration of its temporal goods is subject to the existing universal and archdiocesan laws, as well as any applicable civil laws.

In accord with the norms of CIC, canons 536 and 537, a parish pastoral council and a parish temporal affairs council shall be constituted in Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Parish, according to the norms of universal and archdiocesan law.

It is to have its own parish registers (*CIC*, canon 535 §§1-2) with entries beginning May 27, 2012; its own parish seal (*CIC*, canon 535 §3); and its own parish archives (*CIC*, canon 535 §4).

Since 1982, the Spanish-speaking community has worshipped at the church of the now extinctively united parish of Sainte-Famille at 152 Glenora Ave., Ottawa, Ontario. This will be the parish church under the new title of Sagrada Familia (cf. *CIC*, canon 1218). Father Jorge Lopez will be the first administrator of Sagrada Familia parish.

This present decree shall take effect on **May 27, 2012.**

Given at Ottawa, at the Metropolitan Curia, under my sign and seal and the countersign of my Chancellor this sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.



Fr. Christian Riesbeck, CC  
Chancellor

cc Father Joseph Muldoon, Episcopal Vicar  
Father Jorge Lopez  
Father Vincent Pereira, Regional Vicar, Region II  
Diocesan Administration