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DECREE

WITHDRAWING MARCH 1, 2019 DECREE CONCERNING SAINT PETER CLAVER CHURCH PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

On March 1, 2019 I issue a decree relegating Saint Peter Claver Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to profane but not sordid use effective April 8, 2019. To allow more time to consider concerns raised relative to the relegation, I issue another decree on April 6, 2019 delaying the date of implementation to June 1, 2019.

The causes for relegation listed in my March 1, 2019 decree remain valid. However, in light of the importance of the church, I have determined that additional efforts need to be made to ascertain if it is in fact possible to preserve Saint Peter Claver Church as a place of Divine Worship. Therefore, I hereby withdraw my decree of March 1, 2019 relegating Saint Peter Claver Church to Profane but not sordid use.

Given at the Curia of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on this 21st day of May, 2019.

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, S.F.M.

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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