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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

From the Office of the Bishop

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Peace-Filled Greetings in Our Lord Jesus Christ!

After consultation and prayerful discernment as part of our ongoing diocesan pastoral planning process, I am announcing the following changes, which will take effect on **July 1, 2026**:

1. Merger of the Quad Parishes

Effective July 1, 2026, the **Quad Parishes—Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Jude, and St. Patrick** parishes—will be **merged into a single canonical parish**.

The newly merged parish will retain the name **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**.

The churches of **St. Joseph and St. Jude**, will be designated as **oratories**, remaining available for worship and special occasions according to the norms of canon law and pastoral need.

St. Patrick Oratory will continue its ministry to the Latin Mass community in the diocese and will function outside of the newly merged parish.

2. Linking of Ss. Peter and Paul and St. Philip Parishes

Effective July 1, 2026, the parishes of **Ss. Peter and Paul** and **St. Philip** will be **linked** and served collaboratively by **two priests**, who will share pastoral responsibilities for both communities. The two parishes and priests will work together to provide services to the Hispanic community, reducing duplication and moving toward greater collaboration for mission.

These changes are part of our diocesan effort to ensure sustainable, vibrant parish life and effective pastoral care for all the faithful, while addressing the realities of parish vitality and evangelization needs across the Diocese of Green Bay.

Please note that **additional changes may follow July 2026**, as our ongoing discernment continues to align parish structures with the mission of the Church and the needs of our people.

Let us continue to pray for one another as we move forward together in faith and hope.

With peace-filled greetings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

