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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This letter begins with a word of thanks to all who have participated in the Marquette Grouping for *Renew My Church*. In your encounters you learned more about each other and listened to Jesus' call for a kind of renewal that involves making disciples, building communities and inspiring witness.

These are the aims of *Renew My Church*, with the goal of fostering a greater sense of belonging, especially among our young people, with the hope of achieving vibrant and sustainable parishes and schools that are life-giving and which form existing and new members. In a word, *Renew My Church* asks us to come together in solidarity and bring the light and hope of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

You have undertaken the task of reviewing the structures of your area with an eye to determining the best way to organize your efforts for greater ministerial vitality supported by increased financial stability.

Having studied the report based on months of your review, discussions, feedback, and discernment, regarding the future church, parish and school structures for your area, I am affirming the decision that Queen of the Universe Parish and St. Adrian Parish will unite to form one new parish, effective July 1, 2018, retaining both churches as active worship sites of the new parish. St. Nicholas of Tolentine will continue in its current parish structure, with a full-time resident pastor. Both St. Nicholas of Tolentine and Queen of the Universe Schools will continue in their current structures.

Through the new parish structure, Queen of the Universe and St. Adrian Parishes will unite their resources to create a vital, life-giving parish with two worship sites. With this viable structure in place, the new parish, in collaboration with St. Nicholas of Tolentine, will work on new ways to implement the *Renew My Church* vision.

Over the next few months, the Archdiocese will work with parishioners to ensure an orderly and smooth transition to the new parish structure. The Archdiocese's Priest Placement Board will work with the community to identify a pastor to lead the new parish formed by Queen of the Universe and St. Adrian. Your cooperation with the implementation phase is appreciated.



Again, I thank you for your work, time, and dedication throughout this process. You are in my prayers, and I ask you to keep me in yours.

Wishing you every blessing, with kind regards I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ,


Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago