



Archdiocese of Vancouver  
ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE

## DECREE

### **Establishment of the Quasi-Parish of Saint Agnes Kim**

Whereas Holy Mass in the Korean language has been celebrated in various churches of the Archdiocese of Vancouver for many years;

Whereas the number of the Christian faithful who have immigrated from Korea has continued to increase over the years;

Whereas it is the duty of the Diocesan Bishop to be solicitous for all of Christ's faithful entrusted to his care, whatever their age, condition or nationality (cf. canon 383 §1);

Whereas it is the right of the Diocesan Bishop to erect parishes after consulting the Presbyteral Council, (cf. canon 515);

Whereas the Christian faithful who speak the Korean language throughout the Municipalities of Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam and Port Moody in the Archdiocese of Vancouver, with the consent of the Pastor of Saint Andrew Kim Parish, the Reverend Simon Hyunman Shin and the Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, the Reverend Thomas Arackal, IMS, have requested a more stable canonical structure for their community in order to guarantee its continued vitality and rightful place within the life of the Church;

Therefore, in order to provide for the good of souls, having duly consulted with the Presbyteral Council on August 24, 2017 as mandated by canon 515 §2, I do hereby establish canonically the personal Quasi-Parish (cf. canon 516 §1, 518) to be known as Saint Agnes Kim.

The Quasi-Parish of Saint Agnes Kim is established subject to the following provisions with the Reverend Joseph Tae Woo Lee hereby appointed as its first pastor:

1. The parish is to be a personal parish (cf. canon 518). Membership is obtained by registration in the Quasi-Parish or by regular attendance at its liturgical services.
2. This Quasi-Parish is under the full jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Vancouver and is subject to the prescriptions of the Code of Canon Law, the Archdiocesan Policies and Procedures and any approved customs of the Archdiocese.
3. The pastor shall be appointed by the Archbishop of Vancouver according to the prescriptions of canon law.
4. The power of the pastor of Saint Agnes Kim Quasi-Parish is cumulative with that of the territorial pastor of each member.
5. The Quasi-Parish should retain the registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals required by canon law and the particular law of the Archdiocese.
6. St. Agnes Kim Quasi-Parish has juridic personality by law. It will rely for support on the donations of the faithful who will also be asked to contribute to all the customary Archdiocesan collections and Project Advance.
7. The pastor shall be bound to the obligation of the Mass *pro populo* according to canon 534.
8. The pastor of Saint Agnes Kim Quasi-Parish must appoint a Parish Finance Council in accordance with canon 537 and Archdiocesan norms. In accordance with the particular law of the Archdiocese of Vancouver, a Parish Pastoral Council must also be established.
9. Saint Agnes Kim Quasi-Parish will belong to the New Westminster Deanery.
10. By virtue of his appointment, the pastor of Saint Agnes Kim Quasi-Parish has the faculty to celebrate the marriages of his subjects throughout the Archdiocese, with the power to sub-delegate.

Given at Vancouver, British Columbia, on the Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, Agnes Kim Hyoju, and Companions, the Twentieth day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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