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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 South Holland Grouping for the Renew My Church parish grouping process. 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 reports based on months of your review, discussions, feedback, and discernment regarding the future church, parish and school structures for your area, I have decided that Holy Ghost Parish, St. Jude the Apostle Parish, and St. Mary Queen of Apostles Parish will unite to form one, new parish effective July 1, 2019. St. Jude the Apostle will serve as the church for the newly formed parish. Holy Ghost and St. Mary Queen of Apostles churches will close, with final Masses celebrated at each church no later than June 30, 2020. Christ our Savior School will continue in its current structures with no changes.

Over the next few months, the archdiocese will work with all involved to ensure an orderly and smooth transition to the new structures. The Archdiocese's Priest Placement Board will work with you to identify a pastor to lead the new parish. Your cooperation with the implementation phase is appreciated.



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All parishes of the grouping will embark upon the next phase of the renewal process to become a stronger, more sustainable presence for the future capable of reaching more people in their work of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Card. Blase J. Cupic".

Archbishop of Chicago