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**DECREE**

Edward U. Kmiec

By the Grace of God and Favor of the Apostolic See

Bishop of Buffalo

For the just reasons put forth by the Journey of Faith and Grace Commission, and in accord with Canon 515,§2 and Canon 121 of the Code of Canon Law, having heard the Council of Priests on November 27, 2007, I, the Most Reverend Edward U. Kmiec, Bishop of Buffalo decree:

That the canonically erected parishes of Saint James Major (Westfield), Saint Thomas More (Ripley), and Saint Patrick (Brocton), be hereby merged canonically in accord with Canon 121 of the Code of Canon Law into one parish under the title of Saint Dominic Parish, Westfield NY.

The boundaries of the merged parish shall be as follows:

Townships of Ripley, Westfield, and Portland

All personalty and realty of Saint James Major (Westfield), Saint Thomas More (Ripley), and Saint Patrick (Brocton) becomes the property of Saint Dominic Parish, Westfield NY. Saint James Major Church and Saint Patrick Church will be used as worship sites. Saint Thomas More Church will no longer be used as a worship site. This decree is effective as of October 13, 2008.

*Given this day, Friday, October 3, 2008  
at the Chancery of the Diocese of Buffalo.*

*+ Edward U. Kmiec*

Most Rev. Edward U. Kmiec  
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