

Decree on Saints Mary and Joseph Chapel

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This decree takes effect March 7, 2022. The publication of this decree in the official Archdiocesan newspaper, The St. Louis Review, will be presumed as the official notification of this action.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at the Archdiocesan Curia, this third day of March, in the year of Our Lord, 2022.

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