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Year of Mercy

Dear Parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist-Our Lady of Peace Parish:

As you know, in November 2014, I signed a decree merging Saint John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Peace Parishes after several years of study and discussion under our parish-planning program, *Making All Things New*.

Some past members of the former Our Lady of Peace Parish filed canonical recourse in Rome, as they had the right to do. We have recently received word from Rome that the original decree is acceptable, except that the archdiocese failed first to decree a change in parish boundaries, placing the former Our Lady of Peace Parish within the boundaries of Saint John the Evangelist Parish.

To correct this error, this week I revoked the original decree of merger, issued a second decree redrawing parish boundaries, and then issued a new decree of merger. Thus, all should now be in order.

While this might sound confusing, be assured that the merger is proceeding as planned. If you wish to read the decrees in full, you can find them on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish, and know of my continued prayers for you.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Easter season, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York