

**To: Most Rev. Michael A. Saporito
Regional Bishop of Bergen County
“We Are His Witness”
348 North Franklin Turnpike
Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey 07423**

November 17, 2025

Your Excellency,

Greetings to you!

The two pastorate model options (A & B) presented for Saints Josphe and Michael Church, Union City, New Jersey, Parish #573, in Hudson County, were the same. We the parishioners strongly believe that Saints Joseph and Michael Parish should **remain as one Parish and not merge.**

The reasons:

1. Our Parish has already merged as Saints Josphe and Saint Michael.
2. The Parish is growing in faith, Evangelization and outreach through our Youth Ministry, pastoral discipleship formation, and family formation.
3. We also have a strong financial structure for the future stability of our parish.
4. This parish is now a non-Neo Catechumenate Parish, whereas Saint Anthony is, and this does not align with our Parish formation and philosophy.

Hence, merging with another Parish such as Saint Anthony’s Church **will not be compatible.**

Thanking you for listening to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Signature

Print Name