

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

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In the name of God

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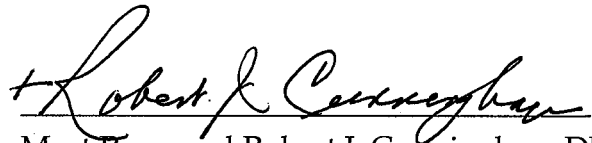
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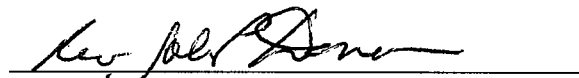
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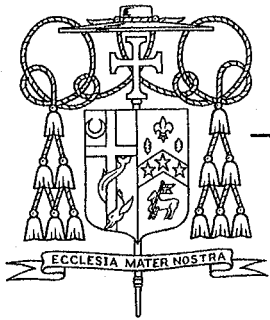


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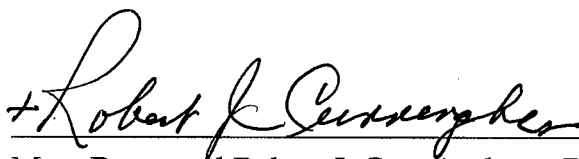
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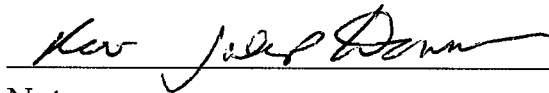
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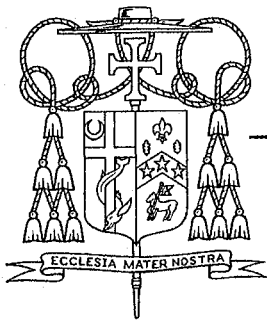
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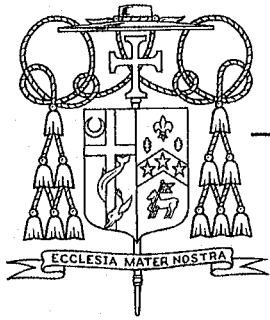


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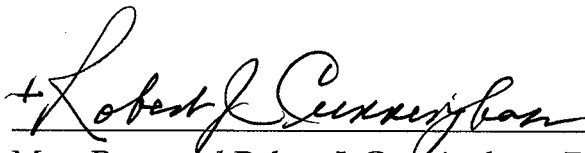
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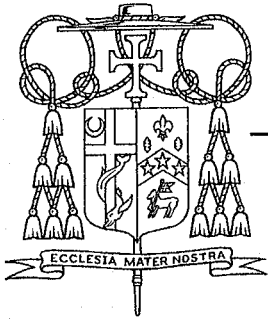


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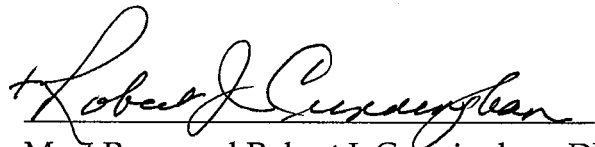
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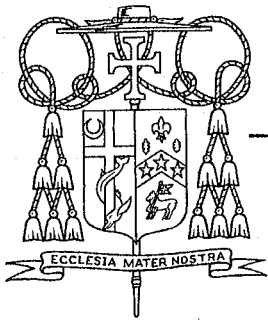
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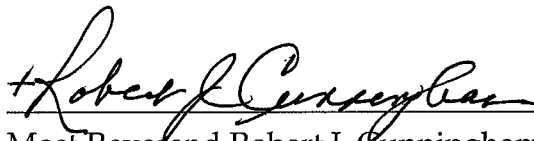
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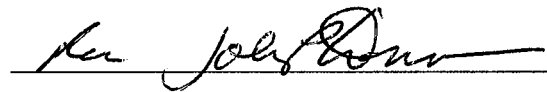
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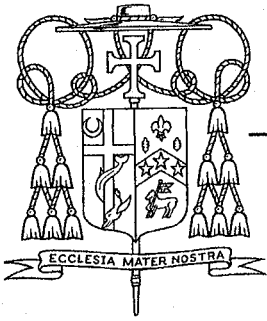
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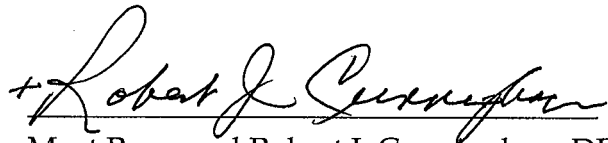
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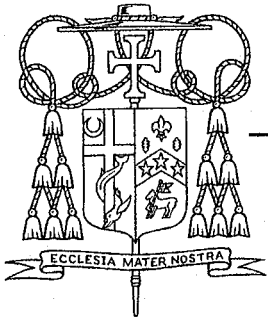


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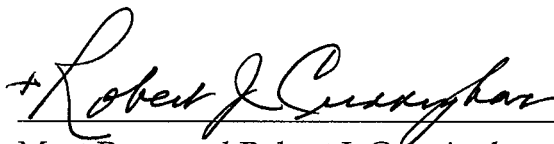
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Therefore, **ST. STEPHEN THE KING** is to be maintained as resources allow (canon 1216). As it has significance to the ethnic Polish community of **OSWEGO** it is to function as if an oratory (canon 1223). For those individuals who have historical roots and connections to the former parish prior to this date, the subsidiary Church, **ST. STEPHEN THE KING** may be used for funerals (when physically possible), weddings and ethnic feasts (that had been the tradition of the former parish) celebrated prior to this date.

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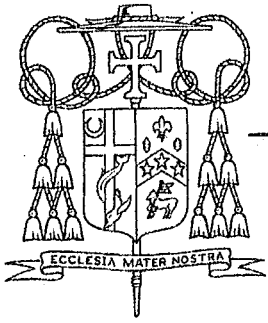


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As of 1 July 2019, the City of Oswego Catholics will be served by Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, (canons 121 and 515).

After eighteen months of consultation, the leadership of the four parishes:

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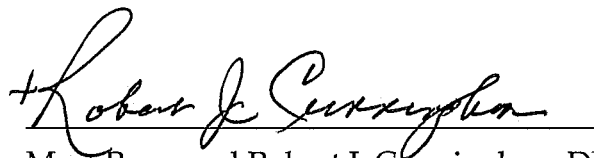
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CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH is to be located at 50 E. Mohawk Street, Oswego, NY, 13126, (USA). Parochial registers of **ST. JOSEPH, ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, ST. PAUL, AND ST. STEPHEN THE KING**, are closed as of 30 June 2019 and to be moved to **CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**. New parochial registers and a new parish seal of **CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH** are to be implemented. (canon 535)


Christ the Good Shepherd Parish will also consist of the Churches of **ST. JOSEPH, ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, ST. PAUL, AND ST. STEPHEN THE KING**; to which the

Pastor serves. The Churches of ST. JOSEPH, ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AND ST. STEPHEN THE KING are to function as if oratories, (canon 1223) for the sacramental life of the Parish, allowing Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and feasts at the discretion of the Pastor (canon 858 §2). In the event of disrepair, fiscal burden or repurposing the Churches of ST. JOSEPH, ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AND ST. STEPHEN THE KING they will be relegated to profane not sordid use (canon 1222). ST. PAUL'S CHURCH will be the church of CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD, (canon 1218).



Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham DD, JCL
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Syracuse

Given at the Chancery
this 20th day of June 2019


Notary

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