Decree of Foundation

The Province of the United States

Whereas Venerable Brother Polycarp sent the Institute's first missionaries to the United States of America so that Christ might be glorified in "the vast field of the New World" *(Circular, 19 June 1846)*; and

Whereas, in the course of time, the provinces of New England, New Orleans, and New York were established in the United States to advance the Institute's mission "to rescue young people from ignorance, to prepare them for life, and to give them a knowledge and love of religion" *(Preamble, Rule of Life)*; and

Whereas the provinces of the United States share a rich history of collaboration in religious life formation, Catholic education, vocation ministry, and the formation of brothers and partners in mission within the charism of Father André Coindre; and

Whereas the Federation of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart has been an instrument of closer collaboration among the United States provinces, notably in its support of the Institute's life and mission in the Delegation of the Philippines; and

Whereas the provincial chapters of New England, New Orleans, and New York, discerning the signs of the times in a spirit of courage and trust, have adopted resolutions for the unification of the three entities into a single province community; and

Whereas the Rule of Life places the creation and merger of provinces, the modification of territorial limits, and the dissolution of provinces within the competence of the Superior General in Council *(Articles 234, 294)*; **therefore,**

The Superior General in Council decrees that the provinces of New England, New Orleans, and New York shall merge into a single "Province of the United States" whose date of foundation is hereby fixed as July 1st, 2014. All brothers incorporated into the Provinces of New England, New Orleans, and New York on June 30th, 2014, shall become members of the Province of the United States on its date of foundation.

The canonical relationship of the Province of New York to the Delegation of the Philippines will be assumed by the Province of the United States.

The United States of America, Great Britain, and the Philippines shall comprise the territory of the new province.

The works of the Province of the United States shall include, without limitation, the following:

- Andre Coindre Youth Resource Center, Davao City
- Bishop Guertin High School, Nashua
- Brother Martin High School, New Orleans
- Catholic High School, Baton Rouge
- Cor Jesu College, Digos City
- E.D. White Catholic High School, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
- Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School, New York City
- Mount Saint Charles Academy, Woonsocket
- Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, Davao City
- Saint Anne Mission, Klagetoh, Diocese of Gallup
- St Columba's College, St Albans
- St. Joseph High School, Metuchen
- St. Stanislaus College, Bay St. Louis
- Vandebilt Catholic High School, Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

May the foundation of the Province of the United States be an occasion of grace for its members and their partners in mission, drawing them more closely together in brotherhood and generous service to youth.

Ametur Cor Jesu! Ametur Cor Mariae!

Br. José Ignacio Carmona, SC

Superior General

Br. Augustin Nelson, SC

General Secretary

Given in Rome, 27th May 2013