

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, M28 2ND



3 June 2019

**To the Priests and People of the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist,
Salford and Saint Joseph, Ordsall Parishes,**

Following the publication in January 2017 of my proposals for future parishes in the diocese, I would now like to formally invite you to enact the next period of consultation regarding the specific proposed amalgamation of your parishes. The purpose of this consultation is to ensure that the proposed new parish will be able to satisfy the spiritual needs of those within its boundaries and to begin working out the practicalities of how the existing communities will come together into one.

There is a formal procedure for this consultation and a report will be presented to me and to the Presbyteral Council in due course. Once I am satisfied that everything is in place, I will formally constitute the new parish and will inform you of that decision at the time.

I ask you to co-operate fully with this process and help me in the task of shaping our diocesan parishes to serve present and future needs. I recognise that change is not easy and so we ask the Lord to be with us in all our deliberations: Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.

With my prayers and good wishes,

+John Arnold
Bishop of Salford