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## **DECREE**

## Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia

Following consultations among the priests and parishioners of the parishes involved, and after consulting the Council of Priests of the Diocese of Ballarat, by virtue of Canon 515 par. 2 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby dissolve the parishes of Merbein, Mildura and Red Cliffs and establish the Parish of Saints Anne and Joachim, Sunraysia. The newly established parish will comprise the territory that belonged to the parishes of Merbein, Mildura and Red Cliffs. The first celebration of the new parish's patronal feast will be on July 26, 2023, the feast of Saints Anne and Joachim.

Given at Ballarat on July 1, 2023

+ Saul Bird

Paul Bird CSsR Bishop of Ballarat

Michael Myers

Notary