



DECREE

EFFECTING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE WARREN DEANERY

WHEREAS the process of pastoral planning for the Diocese of Erie has resulted in a forward looking plan for the pastoral care of the faithful in the Diocese of Erie, including a reconfiguration of parishes;

Whereas there are correspondingly fewer pastors in the various deaneries of the Diocese of Erie, which gives rise to the question of the pastoral advantage of retaining the present deanery structure;

Whereas I consulted the members of the Presbyteral Council in this matter (cf. can. 500 §2), and they advised that pastoral advantage would best be served if the Warren Deanery, having only four parishes, were dissolved into the surrounding deaneries, and the various pastors of the Warren Deanery, having been consulted by the Vicar Forane, likewise concurred that pastoral advantage would best be served by dissolving the Deanery;

THEREFORE, by virtue of this Decree, I hereby dissolve the Warren Deanery and reassign it parishes as follows:

- The entirety of Holy Redeemer Parish in Warren and the entirety of Saint Joseph Parish in Warren are hereby transferred to the Bradford Deanery.
- The entirety of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Corry and the entirety of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish in Union City are hereby transferred to the Erie Eastern Deanery.
- The entirety of Saint John Parish in Tidioute is transferred to the Oil City Deanery.

I direct that this Decree take effect July 1, 2019, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Erie
on this 29th day of May, 2019

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Christopher J. Singer

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor

