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In the name of the Lord, Amen.

Saint Joseph, Illustrious Son of David, Splendor of the Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, Foster-Father of the Son of God, Watchful Defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family, Most just, pure, prudent, courageous and obedient, pray for us. Amen.

In this one-hundred and fiftieth year of Saint Joseph being celebrated as Patron of the Universal Church, as decreed by His Holiness, Pope Pius IX, in 1870;

Whereas, the faithful of the See of Detroit have been devout in their love for Saint Joseph through entrusting their petitions to him;

Whereas the faithful of the See of Detroit ought to have a fitting place of pilgrimage for prayer and sanctification through the Sacraments – especially Penance and Holy Communion – and Sacramentals, including Indulgences;

Whereas, Saint Joseph Church located at 1828 Jay Street, Detroit, since being consecrated a parish church in 1856 has been a sacred place preserved by the Faithful, with great affection, and now under the care of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest;

Having received from the Rector of Saint Joseph Oratory Parish a request to establish a diocesan Shrine on the parish property;

Having reviewed and now approve the *Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Shrine Statutes* submitted to me by the Rector, which enjoy the endorsement of the United States of America Superior of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest;

And decree, that I, the Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit, establish Saint Joseph Church and grounds as an Archdiocesan Shrine effective 19 March 2020, granting it all the rights and privileges afforded to it in law, and titled:

Saint Joseph Archdiocesan Shrine

without prejudice to the status of the parish church, the personal parish, and the agreement between the Archdiocese and the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest entrusting the personal parish

that is Saint Joseph Oratory Parish to the Institute, which provides care of the Faithful wanting the extraordinary form of the Mass and other of the corresponding Sacraments and Sacramentals;

The Faithful are reminded that a *partial* indulgence is always available for those who having fulfilled the requirements of Penance, Eucharist, complete detachment from sin and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father within a suitable period of time, invoke Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with a duly approved prayer (e.g., *Ad te, beate Ioseph*);

And, still more, a *plenary* indulgence is available for the Faithful who visit the Shrine on March 19, on May 1, or on any day when participating in a group pilgrimage to the Shrine, who invoke Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the Shrine with a duly approved prayer and fulfill the requirements of Penance, Eucharist, complete detachment from sin and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father within a suitable period of time.

I direct the Chancellor of the Archdiocese to notify the Presbyterate of Detroit, other clergy and the laity of this decree as soon as possible, so that the Church may join me in renewing our intercessions to Saint Joseph and receiving the spiritual patrimony of the Church in its full breadth and benevolence.

Given at Detroit, Michigan, this first day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty.


The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit


Chancellor

Glorious Saint Joseph
(composed by Saint Francis de Sales)

Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children. In the trouble and distress which afflicts us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. Make its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.

