



Prot No. 060925

## DECREE OF PROMULGATION

### PARTICULAR LAW

#### ON THE STRUCTURING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

Regarding the structuring of parish pastoral councils, and after having heard the Presbyteral Council on this matter, I hereby decree that the following be established as particular law for the Diocese of Kalamazoo:

Every parish in the diocese is to have a parish pastoral council, according to the following norms. (cf. can. 536 §§1-2).

- §1 Parishes which do not share a pastor and are not partnered in a “collaborative” are to have their own proper parish pastoral council, the members of which are to be parishioners in good standing of that same parish.
- §2 At the discretion of the pastor, parishes partnered in a “collaborative” may (1) each have their own parish pastoral council, in which case the members of each council are to be parishioners in good standing of that same parish, or (2) may share a single combined pastoral council which has an equal number of members in good standing from each parish in the collaborative.

This decree is effective October 1, 2025, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery  
of the Diocese of Kalamazoo  
on this 9th day of June, 2025

*+ Edward M. Lohse*

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Bishop of Kalamazoo

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