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DECREE

ON THE EIGHTH CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

“Keep the memory of our father and brother Francis, to the praise and glory of Him who made him great amongst men and glorified him amongst angels. Pray for him, as he himself asked us before he died, and pray to him, so that God may also share with him in his holy grace”

In light of the Special Jubilee Year announced by the *Paenitentiaria Apostolica* on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of Francis of Assisi (3 October 1226), and in harmony with its directives, I hereby decree the following:

The adoration chapel of the Monastery of St. Joseph and St. Rita of the Capuchin Sisters of St. Clare in Alamo, Texas and Holy Family Church in Edinburg, Texas are designated as official places of pilgrimage for the Diocese of Brownsville from the publication of this decree until January 10, 2027.

During this Jubilee Year, the faithful who devoutly visit these sites may obtain a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and complete detachment from all sin. The indulgence may also be applied in suffrage for the souls in Purgatory.

The elderly, the sick, their caregivers, and those unable to travel for serious reasons may likewise obtain the indulgence by spiritually uniting themselves to the Jubilee celebrations and intending to fulfill the usual conditions as soon as possible.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Brownsville this 12th day of March, 2026.

Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D.

Bishop of Brownsville

Rev. Andres E. Gutierrez

Chancellor