



Diocese of Worcester  
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## DECREE

### Erection of the Association of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Saint Benedict Center, Harvard, Massachusetts as a Public Association of the Christian Faithful

#### In Nomine Domini. Amen.

The Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Saint Benedict Center have petitioned to have their association erected as a public association of the Christian faithful in accord with canon 312, §1,3° of the *Code of Canon Law*.

According to the Statutes of the Association of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Saint Benedict Center, the purpose of the Association is "the glory of God, the perfection and salvation of its members through the spirituality of Saint Louis de Monfort, and the defense and propagation of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church" as authentically taught and defined by the Church's teaching magisterium. "Through study and evangelization the members provide religious instruction and carry on charitable activities for the sanctification and salvation of souls purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ."

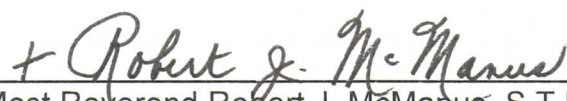
In accord with canon 314, I reviewed and approve the Statutes of this Association.

Therefore, I, the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester, Massachusetts, hereby declare:

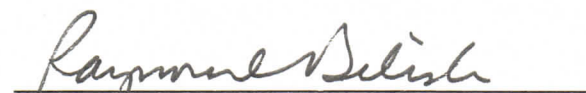
- That the Association of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Saint Benedict Center, Harvard, Massachusetts be erected as a Public Association of the Christian faithful in accord with canons 312, §1, 3° and §2;
- The Association is constituted as a private juridic person by the law itself, in accord with canon 312;
- The requirements of canons 50 and 51 have been fulfilled;
- Canons 312 through 319 apply.

This decree of erection is effective immediately.

Given in the Halls of the Chancery Office, this the twenty-seventh day of October, two thousand seventeen.



Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Worcester



Raymond L. Delisle  
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