



DECREE
of Appointment

Whereas the interim appointments made on 28 May 2025 have run their course, and for the good governance of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas stable appointments must be made to assist me as the undersigned Archbishop;

Having considered the needs of the Archdiocese, the appointments necessary for the care of this local church, and having determined the candidates to fill them, I hereby decree the following

APPOINTMENTS

- The **Very Reverend Michael Hawken**, from pastor of Church of the Nativity in Leawood, KS, to Vicar General (cf. Can. 475 §1), Moderator of the Curia (cf. Can. 473 §2), Ecclesiastical Notary (cf. Can. 483, §1), and continuing as parochial administrator of Church of the Nativity in Leawood, KS until a new pastor is named;
- The **Very Reverend Mark Mertes**, from Moderator of Pastoral Life to Vicar General (cf. Can. 475 §2), Vicar for Priests (cf. Can. 476), and Ecclesiastical Notary (cf. Can. 483, §1), while continuing as Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kansas City, KS;
- The **Reverend Anthony Saiki, J.C.L.**, from Vice-Chancellor to Chancellor (cf. Can. 482) and Promoter of Justice (cf. Can. 1430), while continuing as Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles and Pastor of the Parish of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles in Kansas City, KS.

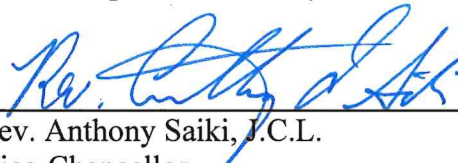
These appointments will take effect on 1 October 2025, and are to be published on the website of the Archdiocese and in the next edition of *The Leaven*.

Given at the Chancery in Kansas City, KS on the 4th day of September in the year of Our Lord 2025.





The Most Reverend Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas



Rev. Anthony Saiki, J.C.L.
Vice-Chancellor