



DECREE
of Appointment

Whereas, Canon 1742 §1 of the Code of Canon Law requires a stable group of pastors be established by the Presbyteral Council to advise the Diocesan Bishop in addressing the ministry of pastors whose ministry have become harmful or at least ineffective;

Whereas, the Presbyteral Council, in response to my request presented in a letter dated 11 September 2025, unanimously voted to establish this stable body of pastors;

Whereas, having presented my recommendations of pastors for membership on this stable body, and solicited recommendations from the Council, I hereby appoint

Very Rev. Mark Mertes, V.G., Rev. Nicholas Ashmore, Rev. Brian Schieber, Rev. Mitchel Zimmerman, as well as most of the Deans in the presbyterate, namely **Very Rev. Tom Aduri, Very Rev. Bill Brunning, Very Rev. Colin Haganey, Very Rev. Jeremy Heppler, O.S.B., Very Rev. Balachandra Miriyala, Very Rev. Matthew Nagle, and Very Rev. Quentin Schmitz.**

to be members of this stable body of pastors. The term of appointment for each member shall be five years; however, the term concludes automatically should a member cease to hold the office of pastor.

This decree is to be published on the website of the Archbishop and communicated to the priests of the Archdiocese.

Given at the Chancery in Kansas City, KS on the 24th day of October in the year of Our Lord 2025.



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

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