



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP SHAWN MCKNIGHT, S.Th.D.

DECREE

of Appointments

Whereas the pastor of the parish of Queen of the Holy Rosary in Wea is impeded from exercising his pastoral function (cf. Can. 539);

Whereas the dean of the Lawrence Deanery has been transferred to a new assignment outside of the deanery; and

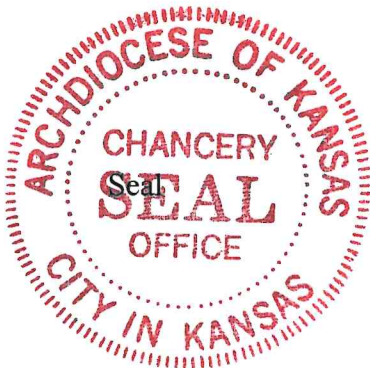
Having considered these pastoral needs following due consultation for the appointment of priests to fulfill these roles, I hereby decree the following

APPOINTMENTS

- **The Very Reverend Michael Hawken, V.G.** as Temporary Parochial Administrator (cf. Cann. 539-540) of Queen of the Holy Rosary—Wea in Bucyrus, KS, while continuing as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia;
- **The Reverend John Toepfer, OFM, Cap.** as Dean of the Lawrence Deanery (cf. Cann. 553-555), after due consultation with his superior (cf. Can. 682, §1), while continuing as pastor of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish in Lawrence, KS.

These appointments are effective 7 November 2025, and they 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 5th day of November in the Jubilee Year of Our Lord 2025.



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

The Reverend Anthony J. Saiki, J.C.L.
Chancellor