



**MOST REVEREND SHAWN MCKNIGHT, S.TH.D.**  
ARCHBISHOP OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

### **Singular Decree**

#### *Constituting Juridic Personhood*

Having considered the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, particularly the importance of the Christian formation of youth and young adults through experiences of prayer, catechesis, and community life;

Having reviewed the governance structure of the entity known as Prairie Star Ranch, Inc. in Williamsburg, Kansas, and having judged them to be in conformity with the discipline of the Church, and having consulted those whose counsel is required and appropriate in accord with law, I hereby

### **DECREE**

The constitution of Prairie Star Ranch, Inc. as a public juridic person in the Church, in accordance with Canons 114, 116, and 117 of the Code of Canon Law, subject to the vigilance of the Diocesan Bishop.

As a public juridic person, Prairie Star Ranch, Inc. acts in the name of the Church, in accordance with Can. 116. It is governed by its proper articles of incorporation which also serve as its statutes, duly approved by the Diocesan Bishop, in accordance with Can. 117. As a public juridic person, Prairie Star Ranch, Inc. is capable of acquiring, retaining, administering, and alienating temporal goods in accordance with Canons 1255–1257.

This decree takes effect on 1 July 2026 and is to be communicated to the leadership of Prairie Star Ranch, Inc. and published on the website of the Archdiocese.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of Our Lord 2026.



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Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

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