



DECREE
of Appointment

Whereas the Diocesan Bishop serves as the judge of the first instance for all cases not excepted by law, either personally or through others (cf. Can. 1419 §1);

Whereas the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese requires the service of the Judicial Vicar and other diocesan judges to address cases in the first instance and when necessary, in the second instance;

Whereas the **Rev. Carter Zielinski, J.C.L.**, having completed the necessary studies and requirements to attain a license in canon law at The Catholic University of America, is licensed and prepared to serve the Archdiocese in addressing canonical matters;

Having considered the needs of the Metropolitan Tribunal, the recommendation of the Judicial Vicar, and the qualifications of the Rev. Zielinski, I hereby decree the following

APPOINTMENT

- **Rev. Carter Zielinski, J.C.L.** as a Judge (cf. Can. 1421 §1) to serve on the Metropolitan Tribunal, while continuing as pastor of Corpus Christ Catholic Church in Lawrence, KS.

This appointment is effective immediately and is for a term of five years. It is to be published on the website of the Archdiocese and communicated to the presbyterate of the Archdiocese.

Given at the Chancery in Kansas City, KS on the 7th day of July in the year of Our Lord 2026.





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



Rev. Anthony J. Saiki, J.C.L.
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Whereas the **Very Rev. Peter O'Donnell, J.C.L.**, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Salina, with the consent of his diocesan bishop, has assisted the Metropolitan Tribunal in the adjudication of marriage cases in the first and second instance;

Having considered the needs of the Metropolitan Tribunal, the recommendation of the Judicial Vicar, and the qualifications of the Very Rev. O'Donnell, I hereby decree the following renewal of

APPOINTMENT

- **Very Rev. Peter O'Donnell, J.C.L.** as a Judge (cf. Can. 1421 §1) to serve on the Metropolitan Tribunal.

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Whereas the **Rev. Anthony J. Saiki, J.C.L.**, has served the Metropolitan Tribunal as a judge in cases in the first and second instance;

Having considered the needs of the Metropolitan Tribunal, the recommendation of the Judicial Vicar, and the qualifications of the Rev. Saiki, I hereby decree the following renewal of

APPOINTMENT

- **Rev. Anthony J. Saiki, J.C.L.** as a Judge (cf. Can. 1421 §1) to serve on the Metropolitan Tribunal, while continuing as Chancellor & Promoter of Justice, and rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, pastor of the parish of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles.

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