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

# General Decree

*Policy for Mission Priests Serving in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas*

Whereas there is need to foster the effective pastoral ministry, appropriate support, and orderly administration of mission priests serving within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas;

Whereas a policy is needed to establish norms regarding the acceptance, documentation, enculturation, compensation and benefits, vacation, transportation assistance, and mission appeals of mission priests serving in this local Church;

Having considered the pastoral needs of the Archdiocese, and by virtue of my office as the Diocesan Bishop, I hereby issue this

**GENERAL DECREE**

to promulgate the new **Policy for Mission Priests Serving in the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas** which shall have the force of particular law throughout the Archdiocese.

This policy shall take effect on 10 September 2026. Any prior archdiocesan policies or administrative practices contrary to these provisions are hereby abrogated to the extent of the inconsistency.

This decree is to be distributed to the mission priests of the Archdiocese and the presbyterate and shall be posted on the website of the Archdiocese. policy

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, on this 7th day of August, the Memorial of Pope St. Sixtus II & Companions, in the Year of Our Lord 2026.

ARCHIDIOECESIS KANSANOPOLITANA IN KANSAS
Sigillum Archidioecesis

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

Very Rev. Michael Hawken, V.G.
Ecclesiastical Notary