



## DECREE

### EFFECTING THE MERGER OF THE MEADVILLE AND SHARON DEANERIES AND ERECTING THE GREENVILLE DEANERY

WHEREAS the process of pastoral planning for the Diocese of Erie has resulted in a forward looking plan for the pastoral care of the faithful in the Diocese of Erie, including a reconfiguration of parishes;

Whereas there are correspondingly fewer pastors in the various deaneries of the Diocese of Erie, which gives rise to the question of the pastoral advantage of retaining the present deanery structure;

Whereas I consulted the members of the Presbyteral Council in this matter (cf. can. 500 §2), and they advised that pastoral advantage would best be served if the Meadville and Sharon Deaneries, having now fifteen parishes between them, were merged into one, and the various pastors of the Meadville and Sharon Deaneries, having been consulted by their Vicars Forane, likewise concurred that pastoral advantage would best be served by merging the Deaneries;

THEREFORE, by virtue of this Decree, I hereby dissolve the Meadville Deanery and the Sharon Deanery, and erect the Greenville Deanery, which shall be comprised of all those parishes which formerly comprised the Meadville and Sharon Deaneries.

I direct that this Decree take effect September 1, 2024, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery  
of the Diocese of Erie  
on this 17th day of July, 2024

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
Bishop of Erie

*Christopher J. Singer*

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor

