



DECREE

EFFECTING THE MERGER OF THE CLEARFIELD DEANERY INTO THE DUBOIS 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 Clearfield and DuBois Deaneries, having now nine parishes between them, were merged into one, and the various pastors of the Clearfield and DuBois 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 merge the Clearfield Deanery into the DuBois Deanery.

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

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Chancellor

