



DECREE

MODIFYING THE STATUS OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH, BRADFORD

In light of ongoing pastoral planning in the Diocese of Erie, as well as demographic and population changes, and in consultation with its pastor and others who may be impacted, I hereby decree the following:

1. In accord with particular law, in light of decreasing Mass attendance and limited availability of priests, Saint Francis of Assisi church, Bradford, will become a secondary church without mission status.
2. Saint Francis of Assisi is to remain open to the faithful at least occasionally for sacred worship, whether public or private (cf. can. 1214), but in accord with diocesan law, Masses are not to be celebrated there on Sundays or holy days of obligation or the evenings preceding them.
3. As required by law, Mass is to be celebrated in Saint Francis of Assisi church every year on the solemnity of the church's title (October 4) in accord with current liturgical norms. If such an observance is impeded by another date of higher rank according to the Roman calendar, the impeded solemnity is to be transferred to the first available date thereafter.

This decree is effective immediately, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Erie

on this 7th day of August, 2025

+Lawrence T. Persico

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

Christopher J. Singer

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor

