



DECREE

EFFECTING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE GANNON DEANERY

WHEREAS the Gannon Deanery was originally established to provide for the care and concerns of those priests who resided at Gannon College (later University), considering that these concerns were different from those of parish priests;

Whereas the number of priests residing and working at Gannon University has decreased to the point that only two priests, both over the age of retirement, now reside on campus, and three more have active assignments to the University but reside elsewhere;

Whereas there is no priest who by residence and age is eligible to be Vicar Forane of the Gannon Deanery;

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 by dissolving the Gannon Deanery and absorbing Gannon University into the Erie West Deanery, and the various priests assigned to Gannon University, having been consulted by the Vicar General, likewise concurred that pastoral advantage would best be served by dissolving the Deanery;

THEREFORE, by virtue of this Decree, I hereby dissolve the Gannon Deanery and reassign the resident priests to Erie West 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

Christopher J. Singer

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor

