



DECREE OF PROMULGATION

ESTABLISHING THE TIME FOR THE CELEBRATION OF WEDDINGS ON SATURDAYS IN THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

WHEREAS the celebration of weddings on Sundays, either within or outside of Mass, has not been permitted in the Diocese of Erie for a very long while;

WHEREAS the liturgical observance of the Sunday liturgies begins with Evening Prayer I or with the celebration of the Vigil Mass for Sunday, which in the Diocese of Erie may be celebrated as early as 4:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS it is important, both pastorally and practically, that the celebration of Saturday weddings not intersect with the celebration of Saturday confessions or of the Vigil Mass for Sunday;

THEREFORE, having consulted with the Presbyteral Council in this regard, **I hereby decree as particular law that the celebration of weddings, both within Mass as well as outside of Mass, are not to begin later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and are not to be celebrated at all on Sundays in the Diocese of Erie .**

I direct that this Decree be published and take effect immediately, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Erie
on this 18th day of October, 2019

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