



## DECREE

*Regarding the Partnering of St. Mary Parish, Crown, St. Michael Parish, Fryburg, and St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda*

In light of ongoing pastoral planning in the Diocese of Erie, as well as demographic and population changes, and in consultation with the affected pastors and people, I hereby decree the following:

1. In accord with particular law of the Diocese of Erie, St. Mary Parish, Crown, St. Michael Parish, Fryburg, and St. Joseph Parish, Lucinda, are all to be partnered.
2. St. Ann Church, Marienville, will become a secondary church without mission status of St. Mary Parish, Crown.
3. As partnered parishes, St. Joseph, St. Mary, and St. Michael Parishes are to collaborate with each other as outlined in the particular law of the Diocese of Erie: *Implementation Guide for Partnered Parishes*.

This decree is effective October 30, 2023. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Erie on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023

*+Lawrence T. Persico*

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

*Christopher J. Singer*

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL  
Chancellor

