Whereas the Mass according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite has been celebrated in the Diocese of Covington in various churches for several years;

Whereas the number of the Christian faithful attached to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite has continued to increase over the years, especially among young people who have been moved by genuine piety and devotion to seek out this venerable and traditional form of worship;

Whereas the apostolic letter Summorum Pontificum of Pope Benedict XVI restored the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite to a wider role in the life of the Church and decreed that it be “duly honored for its venerable and ancient usage” (SP 1);

Whereas the Christian faithful who assist at the liturgy celebrated according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite throughout the Diocese of Covington have requested a more stable canonical structure for their community in order to guarantee its continued vitality and rightful place within the life of the Church;

Therefore, in order to provide for the good of souls, having duly consulted with the Presbyteral Council on the fourteenth day of September in the two thousand fifteenth year of our Lord as mandated by canon 515 §2, we do hereby decree the erection of the Personal Quasi-Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes for liturgical celebrations according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, in accordance with canons 515 §2 and 518 and article 10 of the apostolic letter Summorum Pontificum, effective at 12:01 AM on the sixteenth day of July in the two thousand sixteenth year of our Lord, the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.
The membership of Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-Parish shall be constituted of those members of the Christian faithful who register as members of the quasi-parish. The revenue of the quasi-parish shall consist of the voluntary offerings of the faithful and all other grants that will be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Quasi-Parish. The Quasi-Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes shall belong to the Northern Kenton County Deanery, in which its parish church is located. The appointment of the pastor of the quasi-parish shall be by free conferral by the Bishop of Covington and governed by the norms of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

We further decree that Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 1101 Amsterdam Road in Park Hills, Kentucky, shall serve as the parish church for the Quasi-Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.

In all matters, the organization and activity of the Quasi-Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes shall be governed by the norms of the 1983 Code of Canon Law and the particular law of the Diocese of Covington.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Covington on the twenty-fourth day of June in the two thousand sixteenth year of our Lord, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Most Reverend Roger Foys, D. D.
Bishop of Covington

Mrs. Jamie N. Schroeder
Chancellor