



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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OF CHARLESTON**
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND ROBERT E. GUGLIELMONE
By the Grace of God and Authority of the Apostolic See
BISHOP OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

DECREE ERECTING THE MISSION OF
ST. FRANCIS CARACCILO
SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

Canon 515 §2: It is only for the diocesan bishop to erect, suppress, or alter parishes. He is neither to erect, suppress, nor alter notably parishes, unless he has heard the presbyteral council.

Whereas the existing capacities of the parishes in Berkeley County is inadequate to meet the current and future pastoral need of the Catholic Faithful of the Cane Bay area of Summerville, South Carolina; and

Whereas it is now deemed necessary to form a new Catholic Community within the Diocese of Charleston; and

Wherefore, willingly desiring in all things to promote the greater glory of God and desirous of providing for the good of souls; and

Considering the petitions made to me by several members of the clergy and lay faithful for the creation of this mission church within the Territorial Parish of Immaculate Conception, Goose Creek, South Carolina; and

Having sought and heard the counsel of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Charleston on May 18, 2021; and

Having faithfully observed the requirements of the law; and

To Provide more suitably for the spiritual and pastoral care of souls; and

Invoking the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and of His Mother, the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary,

I, the undersigned Bishop of Charleston, South Carolina, exercising my ordinary power, herewith establish and erect the Mission of St. Francis Caracciolo, Summerville, South Carolina, within the Territorial Parish of Immaculate Conception, Goose Creek, South Carolina, in the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina.

In the allocation of patrimonial goods, rights, and obligations, equity and justice must be observed, and the intentions of founders and donors must be respected (c. 122, 1°-2°).

This Decree is effective beginning 1 October 2021. It is to be communicated to the faithful of the Diocese and to the Pastor of the newly created Mission (c. 532). This decree is to be published on the website for the Diocese of Charleston, charlestdioocese.org, which will be presumed the official notification of this action. The Pastor may challenge this Decree within the peremptory time limit of ten days from the legitimate notification of the Decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c. 1734 §2).

Given at Charleston, South Carolina, on the 24th day of September 2021.



Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston



Sr. Sandra Makowski, SSMN, JCL
Chancellor