In the Name of God, Amen

DECREE
Abrogating and Derogating some Particular Laws of the Diocese of Lincoln

Whereas a diocesan bishop has all ordinary, proper, and immediate power which is required for the exercise of his pastoral function in the diocese entrusted to him (c. 381 §1);

Whereas it is for the diocesan bishop to govern the particular church entrusted to him with legislative, executive, and judicial power (391 §1) and it belongs to the diocesan bishop to exercise legislative power himself (391 §2);

Therefore, I, the Most Reverend James D. Conley, by the Grace of God and favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Lincoln, Nebraska, do hereby decree that:

1. Articles 1.6.19, 3.1.4, 3.3.5, 3.4.3, 3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.4, 3.6.5, 3.6.13, 4.2.4, 5.12.2, 5.12.3, 7.2.8, 3.1.7, 3.1.8, 3.1.9, 3.3.4, and 13.1.4 of the 1996 Diocesan Synod are abrogated
2. Articles 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 of the 1996 Diocesan Synod are derogated to now read
   a. Newly ordained priests of the Dioceses of Lincoln and first-time pastors serving in the Diocese of Lincoln are to attend an instructional session provided by the diocese of Lincoln to better equip them for their ministry. Failure to attend will result in the imposition of a just penalty
3. Article 3.4.5 is now derogated to read
   a. Clerics incardinated in or serving in the Diocese of Lincoln are entitled one day off a week. A day is understood to be a twenty-four-hour period
4. Article 4.1.3. is now derogated to read
   a. Changes in the number and configuration of Deaneries may be made by the Diocesan Bishop after consulting with the Presbyteral Council
5. These changes take effect upon promulgation on the Diocese of Lincoln Website with the exception of the abrogation of Articles 3.1.7, 3.1.8, and 3.1.9 which take effect January 1st, 2023.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery in Lincoln, Nebraska, February 2nd, 2022.

The Most Reverend James D. Conley, D.D., S.T.L.
Bishop of Lincoln

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