DECREE
Abrogating and Derogating Particular Law
of the Diocese of Lincoln Governing Priest Retirement

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);
Whereas universal law grants to episcopal conferences the authority to establish norms governing priest retirement in the territory subject to them (c. 538 §3) and the then National Conference of Catholic Bishops, now United States Council of Catholic Bishops, have granted authority to diocesan bishops to establish norms governing retirement in their diocese in accord with Norms for Priests and their Third Age, and the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Lincoln having been heard;
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 3.9.3;3.9.4; 3.9.7; 3.9.8; 3.9.9. are abrogated
2. Article 3.9.1. shall now read
   a. All priests incardinated in the Diocese of Lincoln may submit a written request to retire from active ministry when they reach the age of seventy-two. Retirement becomes effective when accepted in writing by the Bishop of Lincoln

These changes take effect upon promulgation on the Diocese of Lincoln Website

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 19, 2022.

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

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Rev. Caleb J. La Rue, J.C.L.
Chancellor