



Whereas can. 374 §2 of the Code of Canon Law establishes that to foster pastoral care through common action several neighboring parishes can be joined into special groups known as vicariates forane or deaneries;

Whereas the pastoral response to the destruction wrought by Hurricane Laura in August 2020 urges a restructuring of the current parish groupings;

Whereas having heard the Presbyteral Council on October 2, 2020, regarding the decisions contained herein;

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost

Bishop of Lake Charles

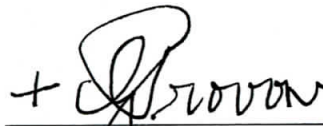
DECREES

that, effective February 2, 2021, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the two deaneries previously known as the Central Deanery and the South Deanery shall henceforth be denominated the North Central Deanery and the South Central Deanery, respectively;


that the North Central Deanery shall be comprised of the following parishes: St. Theodore, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Lake Charles, St. Henry, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. Margaret of Scotland, and St. Raphael; and its first Dean shall be the Very Rev. Matthew Cormier;

that the South Central Deanery shall be comprised of the following parishes: Our Lady of Good Counsel; Our Lady Queen of Heaven, St. Martin de Porres, Christ the King, St. Mary of the Lake, St. John Vianney, and Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Coast; and its first Dean shall be the Very Rev. Rojo Koonathan, HGN.

Given at Lake Charles on day 26 of January in the year of our Lord 2021.

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✠Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles




(Very Rev.) Ruben Villarreal
Vice-Chancellor