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By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See

Bishop of Green Bay

DECREE

In virtue of the competence granted to me by canons 312 § 1, 3^o and 322 § 1 of the Code of Canon Law, and after carefully examining and approving its statutes and bylaws in accordance with canons 299 § 3 and 322 § 2, I decree that the Friends of Jesus Christ, High Priest be erected as a Private Association of the Christian Faithful and constituted as a private juridic person.

Without prejudice to rights and duties granted to the diocesan bishop in canon 323 §§ 1 and 2 and the local ordinary in canon 325 § 2, the private association is governed according to the prescripts of its own statutes and bylaws and in accordance with universal law and in particular canons 298 - 311 and 321- 326 of the Code of Canon Law.

The purpose of this private association is two-fold. The first is to foster growth in the spiritual life of the members and to offer spiritual support and prayers for the sanctification of priests; especially for the members of the Clerical Association, Mary, Mother of the Church; priestly vocations, and the residents of the Teresian Centers of Prayer and Discernment. The second is to give spiritual care to the elderly and the sick.

Membership in the Association is open to the Catholic faithful who can and will freely commit to follow the life and rule of the apostolate, including the laity and the clergy and, in accord with their proper law and the consent of the competent superior (cf. canon 307, § 3), those in the consecrated state.

Given at the Chancery, Green Bay, Wisconsin on August 22, 2014, the Feast of the Queenship of Mary.

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Chancellor