

The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano



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

**DECREE OF RECOGNITION
AND APPROVAL OF THE STATUTES
OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF
CARMELITES OF MARY EVER VIRGIN
A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF THE FAITHFUL**

WHEREAS a group of faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport have come together by mutual agreement, as per c. 299 §1 of the Code of Canon Law, to establish a private association, and;

WHEREAS the private association will bear the name of *Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin*, and;

WHEREAS proper statutes have been redacted for such purpose, and have been reviewed and are hereby approved by me;

THEREFORE in virtue of c. 299, I, Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, by this decree, hereby recognize the *Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin* as a Private Association of the Christian faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport which is to enjoy the same rights as any canonically established private association of the faithful in the diocese in favor of the spiritual and pastoral needs of the People of God entrusted to my care and for the purposes outlined in its Statutes.

With this recognition, I make it known to the Association, in accord with cc. 305 §1 and 323 §2, that it is my responsibility, as Diocesan Bishop, to exercise vigilance so that:

- the goods of the association are used for its proper purposes
- the integrity of faith and morals is preserved in the association
- the dissipation of energies of the association is avoided
- the exercise of the apostolate of the association is ordered to the common good

All the Members of the Association enjoy the right to exercise the forms of piety and pastoral activity defined in the statutes in accord with universal and particular law.

I impart my apostolic blessing upon the members of the Association. I also encourage other members of the faithful of the diocese to join in the apostolic work of the new Association (c. 298 §2).

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Reverend Deacon Patrick Toole
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