



**DECREE FOR THE CANONICAL ERECTION OF
THE PARISH OF
OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION APARECIDA**

I, Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, hereby establish the following:

WHEREAS the Quasi-Parish *Our Lady of Aparecida Brazilian Catholic Community* has petitioned me through the proper Administrator of its Community to elevate said Community to a Parish, and;

WHEREAS the existing Quasi-Parish has made an exhaustive study of the need and feasibility of becoming a Parish, and;

WHEREAS I have deemed there to be a just cause (c. 51), mainly, that it is beneficial for the spiritual welfare and growth of the Brazilian Community of the Diocese of Bridgeport, and;

WHEREAS I have ascertained that there are sufficient means and resources for the support of the parish, the pastor and the goods of the community, and;

WHEREAS I have met with the leadership of the Quasi-Parish and have consulted the Dean and the Pastors of the Community of Danbury, and;

WHEREAS I have fulfilled all the formalities of the Universal Law of the Church, namely, have consulted the Presbyteral Council (cc. 127 §1, 515 §2) and have heard from those whose rights might in any way be compromised (cc. 50, 515 §1),

THEREFORE, I hereby decree, in accord with c. 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, the canonical erection of the **PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION APARECIDA**.

I further establish that:

- 1) The Parish will be a personal parish in accord with c. 518 of the Code of Canon Law.
- 2) The domicile of the parish will be in Bethel, CT.
- 3) All Brazilians who reside within the territorial boundaries of the Diocese of Bridgeport may be subjects (c. 1110), by their own election, of the new parish.
- 4) The parish will be signed to the Deanery of Our Lady, Queen of Confessors.
- 5) The first Pastor of the new parish will be Reverend Leonel Medeiros.

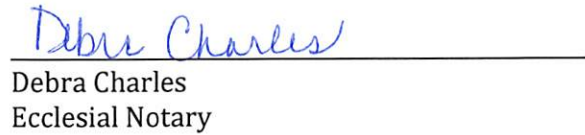
This decree is to be lawfully communicated to all interested persons without delay.

The period of time during which hierarchical recourse may be presented begins with the lawful notification of this decree (c. 1734 §2).

Given this 6th day of January, 2024, the Vigil of the Solemnity of Epiphany, in Bridgeport, CT



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport



Debra Charles
Ecclesial Notary

