



**DECREE OF ERECTION
OF
THE ORATORY OF ST. EMERY**

GIVEN THAT the Private Association of Faithful *Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin* have had a presence at the Church of St. Emery since 2023, and;

GIVEN THAT the *Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin* need a stable place of worship, and;

GIVEN THAT I have made the decision to merge the Parish of Holy Family and St. Emery, through an extinctive union, into the following parishes: Assumption Parish (Fairfield), St. Peter Parish and St. Ann Parish,

THEREFORE, in accord with cc. 1223 and 1224, I, the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, hereby **designate** the Church of St. Emery as a Private Oratory in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

The Oratory will primarily serve the spiritual needs of the community of the consecrated members of the *Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin*, but may also be used, at my discretion, for certain needs of the faithful.

Given at the Catholic Center, Bridgeport, CT on the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, the 29th of September 2025.

Frank J. Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop

Patrick Toole

Deacon Patrick Toole
Chancellor