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St. Emery to be Erected as an Oratory

Bridgeport, Conn. — The Diocese of Bridgeport has announced the formal erection of the Oratory of St. Emery, effective September 29, 2025, the Feast of the Archangels.

In a decree issued by Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, the former parish church of St. Emery in Fairfield has been designated as an Oratory in accordance with Canon Law.

The Oratory will serve primarily as the spiritual home of the *Carmelites of Mary Ever Virgin*, a private association of the faithful that has been present on the St. Emery campus since 2023. The sisters, who lead a life of prayer and quiet ministry, will continue their mission of interceding for the Diocese and the universal Church through their daily prayer and sacrifices.

“By establishing this Oratory, we are ensuring that this new Carmelite (in the Ancient Carmelite tradition) community has a stable place of worship,” said Bishop Caggiano. “This is a moment of both gratitude and renewal, as we support the contemplative vocation of the sisters while also accompanying our parishioners into new communities of faith.”

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