DECREE OF ESTABLISHMENT
OF
THE SAINT LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN GUILD
AND PROMULGATION OF STATUTES

WHEREAS it is my desire to establish a public association of the Christian faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport dedicated to the purpose of fostering the Catholic mission of those faithful Catholics who are business owners and carry responsibility for their employees, customers and community, and;

WHEREAS proper statutes have been redacted for such purpose, and they were reviewed and 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 establish **THE SAINT LOUIS & ZELIE MARTIN GUILD** as a Public Association of the Christian faithful in the Diocese of Bridgeport which is to enjoy the same rights as any canonically established public 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 pastoral activity defined in the statutes in accord with universal and particular law.

The diocesan center for the Association will be The Catholic Center of the Diocese of Bridgeport. Other centers of the Guild may be established in accord with its statutes.

Given at the Catholic Center, Shelton, CT on the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, 2026.

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

Deacon Patrick Toole
Chancellor