



**DECREE OF ESTABLISHMENT
OF
THE GUARDIAN ANGELS 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 promote and foster the mission of first responders and military personnel;

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 Guardian Angels 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.

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

Given at the Catholic Center, Bridgeport, CT on October 12, 2026

Francis Caggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

Patrick Toole

Deacon Patrick Toole
Chancellor