



Diocese  
of  
Cleveland

Cathedral Square

Decree

**Establishing the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**

Prot. N. 540/2023

1. Observing that Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish has been merged with Saint Emeric Parish, with Saint Emeric Parish being the principal parochial church of that parish, meaning that Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church located at 9016 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, is no longer a principal parochial church;
2. Observing also that Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church has been the church of the oldest community of the Christian Faithful of Hungarian extraction in the United States, and therefore is a place of pilgrimage and fittingly a place of thanksgiving to Almighty God, especially among those of Hungarian heritage;
3. Observing that the physical beauty of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church rightly inspires the Christian Faithful to worship;
4. Observing also the pastoral need in the Diocese of Cleveland for a suitable place of worship for the Christian Faithful according to the liturgical books in use prior to the reform of 1970 (that is, the 1962 *Missale Romanum* and the other liturgical texts in use at that time), and the pastoral support thereof; therefore:
5. I hereby establish at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church a diocesan shrine for the promotion of the Christian heritage of the Hungarian people as well as for divine worship according to the liturgical books in use prior to the reform of 1970, also establishing the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary as a public juridic person of diocesan right.
6. The Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is equivalent in law to a “parish church or oratory located on the parish property where marriages are permitted” of Saint Emeric Parish for the purposes of *Diocese of Cleveland Faculties for Priests* (2009), n. 12.
7. The Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary is governed by its Rector, according to its statutes. I hereby appoint the Reverend Richard Bona, JCD, as first Rector of the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, to hold office *ad nutum episcopi*.
8. The provisions of this decree come into effect on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Given at Cleveland, Ohio this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

*+ Edward C. Malesic*

The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL  
Bishop of Cleveland

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Chancellor