



Instruction

Regarding the Establishment of the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Prot. N. 541/2023

1. Having established by decree the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (hereafter, “the Shrine”) as a diocesan shrine 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 (that is, the 1962 *Missale Romanum* and the other liturgical texts in use at that time), and also having established the Shrine as a public juridic person of diocesan right, I establish by this Instruction the following norms to develop the manner in which the provisions of the aforementioned decree are to be put into effect, for the benefit of those whose duty it is to execute the same provisions.
2. The Shrine cannot currently be established as a parish (can. 516, §1, *CIC*; cf. *Traditionis custodes* art. 3, §2). Nevertheless, taking into account its special purpose (cf. *Decree Establishing the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*, 28 July 2023), it is to be considered in the Diocese of Cleveland as equivalent to a parish unless the law, the nature of things, or the explicit instruction of the Bishop of Cleveland require otherwise.
3. Accordingly, the diocesan curia and diocesan parishes are to treat the Shrine as analogous to a parish, insofar as possible. Its number according to the parish numbering system used by the diocesan chancery is 1428. The former Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish (number 1404) has been merged into and succeeded by Saint Emeric Parish (number 1206). Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish was distinct from and is not succeeded by the Shrine of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary.
4. The Shrine is a member Cleveland Southeast District.
5. For statistical reports outside of the Diocese of Cleveland (for example, the *Official Catholic Directory* and the annual report to the Secretariat of State), the Shrine is to be reported as a “pastoral center” or equivalent.
6. The Shrine is to comply with all norms, whether established through particular legislation or customary, applicable to parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland.
7. The Rector of the Shrine is appointed by the Bishop of Cleveland and has the rights and obligations otherwise applicable to pastors of parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. The Rector has responsibility for the pastoral care of persons domiciled in the Diocese of Cleveland who register for the pastoral care provided by the Shrine, without prejudice to the rights those persons may enjoy as members of parishes.

8. The Bishop of Cleveland may appoint additional priests as Vice-Rector or Vicar to assist the Rector in his responsibilities. The Bishop of Cleveland may likewise appoint deacons to assist, and may recognize or authorize the ministry of lay persons who assist.
9. The Shrine has the privilege of celebrating the sacraments and other acts of divine worship otherwise particular to parish churches, including baptism, confirmation, marriage, and funerals. The ministers of the Shrine will nevertheless need to ensure that they celebrate these validly and licitly according to the norm of law.
10. The Shrine has the privilege of maintaining its own records for baptism, confirmation, first Holy Communion, marriage and death, for celebrations occurring within the context of the pastoral care offered by the ministers of the Shrine; without prejudice to the rights of the territorial parish and of Saint Emeric Parish (which, as a personal parish, may celebrate the sacraments for Hungarian nationals throughout the Diocese of Cleveland and especially in Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church).
11. Questions regarding this Instruction may be directed to the Chancellor or to the Secretariat for Canonical Services.
12. Within two years of the effective date of this Instruction, the Rector of the Shrine must present draft statutes for the Shrine to the Bishop of Cleveland. Until such permanent statutes are enacted by the diocesan bishop, this Instruction shall serve as statutes.

Given at Cleveland, Ohio this 28th day of July, 2023.

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