



Prot. No. 21-033

Decree

Chalice as a Private Association of the Faithful

Whereas the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (Canada) was incorporated in Canada on June 15, 1992 and changed its name to Chalice (Canada) on April 30, 2007 with its head office in Nova Scotia (beginning in Springhill then to Lower Sackville and now in Bedford);

Whereas Chalice has existed as a *de facto* association since 2007, according to canon 215;

Whereas Chalice has been given *de facto* encouragement and pastoral recognition by the Archdiocese of Halifax and later the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for its apostolate since 2007;

Whereas Chalice has fulfilled the fundamental criteria of ecclesiality as laid down in *Christifideles laici*, n. 30, namely, the primacy of the call of every Christian to holiness, the responsibility of professing the Catholic faith, the witness to a solid and authentic communion, conformity to and participation in the Church's apostolic goals and a commitment to be present in human society;

Whereas on May 11, 2021, Rev. Patrick Cosgrove, President of the Association, presented the statutes of Chalice to the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth for approval, according to canon 322, §2;

Whereas the Statutes for Chalice define the purpose of the association, its centre, governance and conditions of membership, and manner of action, as required by canon 304;

Whereas the Statutes for Chalice provide for episcopal representation or designation on the Board of Directors which is provided at present by Archbishop Emeritus Martin Currie of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador;

Whereas on April, 16, 2021, Rev. Patrick Cosgrove has requested that Chalice be established as a private association of the faithful and given juridical personality, according to canon 322, §1;

After an attentive study of the documents connected with Chalice and in conformity with canons 322, §2, and 312, §1, 3° of the *Code of Canon Law*, I hereby approve the Statutes of Chalice, with the understanding that the Association continues to remain as a private association of the faithful, in accord with canon 322, §2;

Furthermore, I hereby constitute Chalice as a private association of the faithful with juridical personality, in conformity with canon 322, §1;

Given at Halifax on May 24, 2021, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of the Church.



†Brian Joseph Dunn
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth



Rev. Mr. Robert Doyle
Chancellor