

## **EARL BOYEA**

*Divina Miseratione et Apostolicæ Sedis Gratia*

### **EPISCOPUS LANSINGENSIS**

## **DECREE**

In order to provide for pastoral support to the pastors, priests, religious and faithful of the various areas of the Diocese of Lansing, it is appropriate to establish geographical subdivisions of the Diocese so that the pastoral mission and care of souls may be more effective. These subdivisions are called “vicariates”.

For this reason, having heard from the priests of the Lansing and Genesee-Shiawassee Vicariates and received their vota regarding ways to be more pastorally effective in our efforts to collaborate and be of support to local pastors of parishes, and having received the recommendation of the Coordinating Commission which has presented their conclusion that it is now considered prudent to form a new Vicariate which encompasses the rural areas of Clinton and Shiawassee Counties.

The new Clinton – Shiawassee Vicariate will be comprised of the following parishes:

St Joseph Parish – St Johns	Most Holy Trinity Parish – Fowler
St Mary Parish – Westphalia	Holy Family Parish – Ovid
St Isidore Parish – Laingsburg	St Mary Parish – Morrice
St Paul Parish – Owosso	St Joseph Parish –Owosso
St Mary Parish – Durand	St Joseph Parish - Gaines

Bearing in mind the responsibility I have for the care of souls, especially in the pastoral mission of the Diocese that entails activities of a supra-parochial nature, and

in order that the pastoral work in the Diocese will be made more effective, and

recalling the provisions in *Ecclesiae Sanctae* I, 19, *Christus Dominus*, 30, and *Ecclesiae imago*, 184-188, and

canons 553-555 of the *Code of Canon Law*,

I hereby establish the Clinton – Shiawassee Vicariate in the Diocese of Lansing on September 15, 2008.

It is further ordered that this decree be posted on the website of the Diocese of Lansing and that such posting will be considered the official notification. It is also to be conveyed to the affected pastors and parishes who are to publish this decree and make known its contents to the People of God in an appropriate manner after its promulgation.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

[SEAL]

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Bishop of Lansing

Monsignor Steven J. Raica  
Chancellor