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By the Grace of God and of the Apostolic See

BISHOP OF PALM BEACH



No. 011-2026

DECREE

GENERAL EXECUTORY DECREE

IMPLEMENTING THE DECREE AND EXPLANATORY NOTE OF THE
DICASTERY FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH – DDF –
DATED 2 JULY 2026

In the matter of:

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF SAINT PIUS X – SSPX –

Whereas on 2 July 2026 the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (hereinafter DDF) issued its Decree (Prot. No. 99/2009) declaring that Bishop Alfonso de Galarreta, together with the four men illicitly consecrated bishops by him without pontifical mandate, as well as Bishop Bernard Fellay as co-consecrator, incurred the canonical penalties established by law, including *latae sententiae* excommunication reserved to the Apostolic See, by reason of a schismatic act (cf. canons 1387 and 1364 § 1 of the Code of Canon Law, hereinafter CIC).

Whereas the same Dicastery, in its *Explanatory Note* of the same date, declared that the sacred ministers (including bishops, priests and deacons) belonging to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) are to be regarded as being in schism and therefore excommunicated (cf. can. 1364 § 1 CIC); furthermore, it established that the lay Christian faithful who formally adhere to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X – SSPX – (i.e. those who are part of its Third Order and/or those who habitually participate in its celebrations, formally and



intentionally sharing its doctrinal positions) are also to be regarded as being in schism and therefore excommunicated (cf. can. 1364 § 1 CIC).

Whereas the aforementioned *Explanatory Note* of the DDF (dated 2 July 2026) clarified that the sacraments administered by those ministers are illicit, that absolution imparted by them is invalid, and that marriages witnessed by them are invalid; and it exhorted all the faithful to refrain from participating in celebrations and activities promoted by the said Fraternity;

Whereas the same Dicastery has provided practical norms governing the reconciliation of priests and lay faithful formerly belonging to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X, entrusting their implementation to the diocesan Ordinary;

Taking into account my obligation as diocesan Bishop to safeguard ecclesiastical communion, preserve the integrity of the faith, ensure the orderly exercise of divine worship, and urge the observance of all ecclesiastical laws (cf. cann. 381 §1; 383 §1; 386 §§1–2; 392 §§1–2 CIC);

Therefore, by virtue of my ordinary, proper and immediate authority as Bishop of Palm Beach, and following the precepts of the law (cf. canons 31-32 CIC), I hereby decree the following:

- I. The Decree and Explanatory Note issued by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on 2 July 2026 (Prot. No. 99/2009) are hereby received, recognized, and implemented within the Diocese of Palm Beach, and shall be faithfully observed by all clerics, members of institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life, and all Christ's faithful subject to my jurisdiction;
- II. Pursuant to the aforementioned Decree and Explanatory Note, all celebrations of the Most Holy Eucharist within the territory of the Diocese of Palm Beach that are presided over by bishops or priests of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) are hereby confirmed to be illicit. Accordingly, no member of the Catholic faithful is to participate in such celebrations. Furthermore, any purported celebration of the Sacrament of Penance (sacramental confession) or the Sacrament of Matrimony by clerics of the SSPX is hereby confirmed to be invalid and therefore null, producing no canonical or sacramental effect in the eyes of the Church;
- III. No cleric belonging to, or publicly exercising ministry on behalf of, the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) shall be permitted to celebrate or concelebrate the Eucharist, administer any sacrament or sacramental, preach, teach, conduct retreats, or exercise any ecclesiastical ministry whatsoever in any church, chapel, institution, school, cemetery, or other property belonging to or entrusted to the Diocese of Palm Beach until further notice;



- IV. No lay faithful formally belonging to, or publicly exercising ministry on behalf of, the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X – SSPX – (including all members of its Third Order and those who habitually participate in its celebrations, formally and intentionally sharing its doctrinal positions) shall be permitted to preach, teach, conduct retreats, or exercise any ecclesiastical ministry whatsoever in any church, chapel, institution, school, cemetery, or other property belonging to or entrusted to the Diocese of Palm Beach until further notice;
- V. No diocesan entity, parish, mission, school, apostolate, institution, or organization may sponsor, host, promote, or facilitate liturgical celebrations, meetings, conferences, retreats, or any other activity conducted by or in collaboration with the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX).
- VI. All clerics incardinated in or legitimately exercising ministry within the Diocese of Palm Beach are prohibited from concelebrating, publicly participating in sacred ministry, or otherwise collaborating in ecclesiastical ministry with ministers belonging to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX).
- VII. Any violation to the above indicated prohibitions will necessarily result in appropriate canonical penalties.
- VIII. Clerics and lay faithful who desire to leave their bonds with the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX) and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church shall be received in accordance with the procedures established by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF). In particular:
- a. priests shall follow the procedure established by the Dicastery for the remission of censures and admission *ad experimentum* under the authority of the diocesan Bishop; and
 - b. lay faithful who have formally adhered to the SSPX (thus deemed imputable of schism) shall be received according to the norms established by the Dicastery, taking into account the degree of canonical imputability in each individual case and, where required, by making the prescribed Profession of Faith and Formula of Adhesion.
 - c. lay faithful who have not formally adhered to the SSPX, thus not deemed imputable of schism (i.e. those who attended the SSPX occasionally and only for liturgical or spiritual reasons, as well as those who while aware of the tensions with the Holy See do not reject the Magisterium and do recognize the authority of the Roman Pontiff).
- IX. The Very Rev. Archimandrite Glen J. Pothier, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Palm Beach, is hereby designated as the diocesan official responsible for receiving and assessing petitions for reconciliation and reception into full communion from clerics and lay faithful, based on the required documentation indicated by the DDF, and assisting the Diocesan Bishop in the implementation of all procedures established by the



Holy See in this matter. The Judicial Vicar is to fulfil this responsibility in coordination with the Chancellor of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Very Rev. Antony Pulikal, V.E.

- X. The reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church of all clerics belonging to the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX), together with those lay faithful formally affiliated with the SSPX, shall ordinarily take place during a solemn and public celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens, on the date and at the time to be determined by the Ordinary. The Very Rev. Brian King, Rector and Pastor of the Cathedral, is hereby entrusted with the organization of this liturgical celebration. Upon their reception during this ceremony, the aforesaid clerics and lay faithful shall be deemed to have been remitted from the censure of excommunication incurred by reason of their formal adherence to the schism of the SSPX. Nevertheless, upon the recommendation of the Judicial Vicar and for a just cause, the Ordinary may authorize that such reception into full communion take place during a private liturgical ceremony. In such cases, the ceremony shall be celebrated at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Palm Beach.
- XI. As indicated by the DDF, as per the reconciliation of the lay faithful who have not formally adhered to the SSPX (i.e. those who attended the SSPX occasionally and only for liturgical or spiritual reasons, as well as those who while aware of the tensions with the Holy See do not reject the Magisterium and do recognize the authority of the Roman Pontiff), it suffices that they personally address a priest in full communion with the Catholic Church and declare to him that they have taken the decision not to attend the SSPX in the future.
- XII. Pastors, parochial administrators, chaplains, and all others entrusted with pastoral care shall ensure that the Christian faithful are instructed with charity and clarity concerning the contents of the Decree and Explanatory Note of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith – DDF –, as well as of this General Executory Decree, always avoiding unjust judgments concerning individual persons while faithfully presenting the doctrine and discipline of the Church.
- XIII. All catholic faithful of the Diocese of Palm Beach are hereby earnestly exhorted to firmly remain in communion with the Roman Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV, and his successors, and to totally avoid any participation in the celebrations of activities promoted by the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX).
- XIV. Since the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Pius X (SSPX), either directly or through affiliated organizations, is currently promoting celebrations and activities within the territory of the Diocese of Palm Beach, a comprehensive list of all official, doctrinally sound places of worship of the Catholic Church within the Diocese of Palm Beach has been made available in a document attached to present decree, in order to avoid any confusion regarding the status of any of the places of worship connected to said SSPX, from which the catholic faithful are to refrain and stay away.



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- XV. The Christian faithful who remain attached to the liturgical books in force in 1962 are encouraged to participate exclusively in liturgical celebrations conducted under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop and in full communion with the Roman Pontiff. The Diocese of Palm Beach reaffirms its commitment to provide for the legitimate spiritual and pastoral needs of those who are devoted to the liturgical tradition of the Roman Rite, always within the full communion of the Catholic Church.

This General Executory Decree shall enter into force immediately upon its promulgation, which is to take place through the very act of its publication and public dissemination through the official communication channels of the Diocese of Palm Beach (can. 8 § 2 CIC).

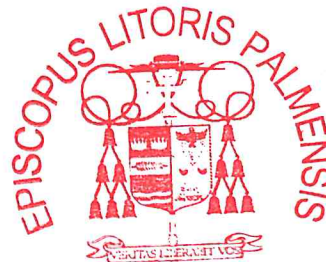
Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein. Issued and read, at the Office of the Diocesan Bishop, located at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, State of Florida, on the seventh day of the month of July, in the Year of the Lord two thousand and twenty-six.



Very Rev. Antony Pulikal, V.E.
Chancellor



Most Reverend Manuel de Jesús Rodríguez, J.C.D.
Bishop of Palm Beach





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COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF ALL OFFICIAL, DOCTRINALLY SOUND PLACES OF WORSHIP OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

As of July 7, 2026

The following official, doctrinally sound Places of Worship are the only ones where the catholic faithful are advised to attend ceremonies of worship within the territory of the Diocese of Palm Beach (Florida):

A- DIOCESAN PARISHES & MISSIONS

Ascension Church	7250 North Federal Highway Boca Raton, FL 33487	561-997-5486
Basilica of St. Edward	144 North County Road Palm Beach, FL 33480	561-832-0400
Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola Church	9999 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	561-622-2565
Emmanuel Church	15700 S. Military Trail Delray Beach, FL 33484	561-496-2480
Holy Cross Church	15939 SW 150 th Street Indiantown, FL 34956	772-597-2798
Holy Cross Church	500 Iris Lane Vero Beach, FL 32963	772-231-0671



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Holy Family Church	2330 SE Mariposa Avenue Port St. Lucie, FL 34952	772-335-2385
Holy Name of Jesus Church	345 South Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33415	561-683-3555
Holy Redeemer Church	1454 SW Mapp Road Palm City, FL 34990	772-286-4590
Holy Spirit Church	1000 West Lantana Road Lantana, FL 33465	561-585-5970
Mary Immaculate Church	390 South Sequoia Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33409	561-686-8128
Notre Dame Mission	217 North US Highway #1 Fort Pierce, FL 34950	772-466-9617
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission	12896 CR-512 Fellsmere, FL 32948	772-571-9875
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	22094 Lyons Road Boca Raton, FL 33428	561-483-2440
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission	510 SW 8 th Avenue Delray Beach, FL 33444	561-276-4880
Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Church	100 Crestwood Boulevard S. Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411	561-798-5661
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church	9600 West Atlantic Avenue Delray Beach, FL 33446	561-499-6234
Sacred Heart Church	425 North “M” Street Lake Worth, FL 33460	561-582-4736
Sacred Heart Church	901 SW 6 th Street Okeechobee, FL 34973	863-763-3727
Saint Anre Dung Lac Vietnamese Community	Holy Spirit Church 1000 West Lantana Road Lantana, FL 33465	561-585-5970



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San Juan Diego Pastoral Center	401 South 30 th Street Fort Pierce, FL 34981	772-341-0655
St. Anastasia Church	407 South 33 rd Street Fort Pierce, FL 34947	772-461-2233
St. Andrew Church	2100 S.E. Cove Road Stuart, FL 34997	772-781-4415
St. Ann Church	310 North Olive Avenue West Palm Beach, FL 33401	561-832-3757
St. Bernadette Church	350 N.W. California Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34986	772-336-9956
St. Christopher Church	12001 S.E. Federal Highway Hobe Sound, FL 33455	772-546-5150
St. Clare Church	821 Prosperity Farms Road North Palm Beach, FL 33408	561-622-7477
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	930 SW Tunis Avenue Port St. Lucie, FL 34953	772-336-0282
St. Francis of Assisi Church	200 West 20 th Street Riviera Beach, FL 33404	561-842-2482
St. Helen Church	2085 Tallahassee Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32961	772-567-5129
St. Joan of Arc Church	370 SW 3 rd Street Boca Raton, FL 33432	561-392-0007
St. John of the Cross Church	7590 26 th Street Vero Beach, FL 32966	772-563-0057
St. John the Evangelist Church	10300 Yamato Road Boca Raton, FL 33498	561-488-1373
St. John Fisher Church	4001 North Shore Drive West Palm Beach, FL 33407	561-842-1224



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St. Joseph Church	1200 E. 10 th Street Stuart, FL 34996	772-287-2727
St. Jude Church	21689 Toledo Road Boca Raton, FL 33433	561-392-8172
St. Jude Church	204 US Hwy #1 Tequesta, FL 33469	561-746-7974
St. Juliana Church	4500 S. Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, FL 33405	561-833-9745
St. Lucie Church	425 SW Irving Street Port St. Lucie, FL 34983	772-878-1215
St. Lucy Church	3510 South Ocean Boulevard Highland Beach, FL 33487	561-278-1280
St. Luke Church	2892 South Congress Avenue Palm Springs, FL 33461	561-965-8980
St. Mark Church	643 St. Mark Place Boynton Beach, FL 33435	561-734-9330
St. Mark the Evangelist Church	1924 Zephyr Avenue Fort Pierce, FL 34982	772-461-8150
St. Martin de Porres Church	2555 NE Savanna Road Jensen Beach, FL 34957	772-334-4214
St. Mary Church	1200 East Main Street Pahokee, FL 33476	561-924-7305
St. Matthew Church	6090 Hypoluxo Road Lake Worth, FL 33463	561-966-8878
St. Patrick Church	13591 Prosperity Farms Road Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	561-626-8626
St. Paul of the Cross Church	10970 Jack Nicklaus Drive South North Palm Beach, FL 33408	561-626-8626



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St. Peter Church	1701 Indian Creek Parkway Jupiter, FL 33458	561-575-0837
St. Philip Benizi Church	710 South Main Street Belle Glade, FL 33430	561-996-3870
St. Rita Church	13645 Paddock Drive Wellington, FL 33414	561-793-8544
St. Sebastian Church	13075 US Highway #1 Sebastian, FL 32958	772-589-5790
St. Therese de Lisieux Church	11800 Lake Worth Road Wellington, FL 33449	561-784-0689
St. Thomas More Church	10935 South Military Trail Boynton Beach, FL 33436	772-737-3095
St. Vincent Ferrer Church	840 George Bush Boulevard Delray Beach, FL 33483	561-276-6892

B- EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES LOCATED WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

Mary Mother of Light Maronite Catholic Church (Eparchy of Saint Maron)	46 Willow Road Tequesta, FL 33469	561-427-1331
St. Nicholas Greek-Melkite Catholic Church (Eparchy of Newton)	5715 Lake Ida Road Delray Beach, FL 33484	561-499-3161
Saints Cyril & Methodius Byzantine Catholic Church (Eparchy of Passaic)	1002 Bahama Avenue Fort Pierce, FL 34982	772-595-1021



C- WORSHIP SITES LOCATED AT HOSPITALS WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

St. Mary Medical Center	901 45 th Street West Palm Beach, FL 33407	561-842-9812 or 561-881-2899
Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center	7305 N. Military Trail West Palm Beach, FL 33410	561-422-8262

D- OTHER OFFICIAL WORSHIP SITES LOCATED WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PALM BEACH

Amoris Christi Campus at the Duncan Conference Center (St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Chicago)	15820 S Military Trl, Delray Beach, FL 33484	(561) 489-5995
Casa San Carlos Conference Center and Retreat House (Scalabrinians)	9600 W. Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33446	561-921-4900
Chapel at Lourdes Noreen McKeen Residence (Carmelite Sisters for The Aged and Infirm)	315 S Flagler Dr, West Palm Beach, FL 33401	561-655-8544
Chapel at the Pastoral Center of the Diocese of Palm Beach	9995 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	561-775-9500
Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center (Passionists)	1300 US-1, North Palm Beach, FL 33408	561-626-1300
Roseaire Retreat Center (Opus Dei)	14281 Gallagher Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33445	561-637-0615
St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary	10701 S Military Trl, Boynton Beach, FL 33436	561-732-4424



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Notes:

1. The above list only includes worship sites open to the general public. For worship sites located restricted to catholic school communities, please visit the official website of the Diocese of Palm Beach: www.diocesepb.org
2. In case of any question about this list or about a particular Place of Worship located within the territory of the Diocese of Palm Beach, please contact the Office of the Chancellor: 561-775-9592 / email: chancellor@diocesepb.org
3. For a list of worship sites located within the territory of the Diocese of Palm Beach which remain not in communion with the Catholic Church (including those connected with the SSPX), please visit the official website of the Diocese of Palm Beach: www.diocesepb.org