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DECREE

RECOGNITION OF THE CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF HOPE AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

Whereas on March 25, 2022, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Dr. Dale Ahlquist, President of the Society of Gilbert Keith Chesterton and Co-Founder of Chesterton Academy, petitioned the Bishop of Providence for formal recognition of the Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope, a non-profit corporation formally established on March 14, 2022 in the State of Rhode Island;

Whereas the Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope, according to its articles of incorporation, exists "to help parents raise up a new generation of joyful leaders and saints, educated in the classical, liberal arts tradition and the truths of the Catholic faith, in order to serve the common good;"

Whereas it pertains to the sole discretion of the Diocesan Bishop to grant authorization for use of the title "Catholic school" for those institutions of primary or secondary education which do not fall within the purview of public juridic persons (cf. can. 803 §§1, 3 CIC);

Whereas the Diocesan Bishop has the right to watch over Catholic schools in his territory; to issue directives concerning the general regulation of Catholic schools; and to approve teachers of religion and remove them if a reason of religion or morals requires it (cf. canons 805, 806 §1 CIC);

I HEREBY DECREE

That the Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope is a Catholic school, within the territory of the Diocese of Providence, and shall be governed by its Board of Directors according to the approved by-laws; and that it enjoys all rights and privileges afforded to it in accord with the norm of law, and agrees to fulfill its mission with due diligence, prudence, and justice for the good of souls and the glorification of Almighty God, by whose Providence it exists, and with whose grace it is sustained.

Given in Providence, at the Chancery, on the twenty first day of November, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence

Reverend Nathan J. Ricci
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