OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Decree

Establishing the Shrine of Saint Ann

Prot. N. 637/2023

- 1. Observing that the Oratory of the Blessed Sacrament, 5384 Wilson Mills Road, Highland Heights, was consecrated on May 4, 1965, as a place of worship for Saint Joseph Seminary of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, now defunct;
- 2. Observing that the Christian Faithful have, since 1987, been gathering at the Oratory of the Blessed Sacrament to venerate the relic of Saint Ann, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially to seek the intercession of the former;
- 3. Observing that the Holy Father Pope Francis has many times exhorted the Christian Faithful regarding the vocation of grandparents, and especially under the patronage of Saint Ann;
- 4. I hereby approve the Shrine of Saint Ann located within the Oratory of the Blessed Sacrament, in accordance with canon 1230, CIC. The statutes of the Shrine, also to be approved by me (cf. can. 1232, §1, CIC), are contained in a separate document.

Given at Cleveland, Ohio this 29th day of September, 2023.

The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL

Bishop of Cleveland

Notary