



BISHOP OLSON RECOGNIZED AND ACKNOWLEDGED AS POPE'S REPRESENTATIVE IN CARMELITE MATTER

May 31, 2023

The Holy See, through the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, issued today, May 31, 2023, a Decree appointing the Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth, as Pontifical Commissary of the Monastery in Arlington, Texas. As Pontifical Commissary, Bishop Olson is the Pope's representative in this matter. In doing so, the Dicastery recognized and acknowledged that Bishop Olson has been, and continues to be, entrusted with full governing responsibility for the Monastery.

This decree is in response to the challenge to Bishop Olson's authority to conduct an investigation into the admitted-to violations of the sixth commandment of the Decalogue and the vow of chastity by the Reverend Mother Teresa Agnes (Gerlach) of Jesus Crucified, O.C.D., Prioress of the Monastery in Arlington, Texas. Please pray for all the sisters and for Bishop Olson.