

Decree

Transfer of St. John Parish Brownsville to the Northern Deanery & Transfer of Ascension Parish to the Western Deanery

Due to the decreased number of priests available to serve as pastors in this Diocese, I have assigned certain priests to serve as pastors of more than one parish. This has resulted in two instances where a pastor is responsible for parishes in different deaneries. Mindful of both the pastoral advantage of this arrangement and the needs of the faithful of these parishes, I have determined that two parishes must be assigned to different deaneries.

Therefore, having heard the presbyteral council, for the sake of better fostering pastoral care through common action in the deaneries of this Diocese (see c. 374, §2), I hereby transfer St. John Parish, Brownsville, from the Southeastern Deanery to the Northern Deanery and transfer Ascension Parish, Memphis, from the Central Deanery to the Western Deanery.

This decree is effective July 1, 2025.

Host Rev. David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.

Bishop of Memphis in Tennessee

Given at the Chancery in Memphis on the 23rd of May 2025

Mrs. Anna M. Lynn, J.C.L.

Vice-Chancellor