

## DECREE

In the Name of God. Amen

In order to provide for the effective governance, pastoral care and particular needs of the Archdiocese of Denver, I, Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., hereby promulgate as particular law for the Archdiocese of Denver in accord with the provisions of the universal Code of Canon Law, in effect throughout the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church since November 27, 1983, specifically canons 7, 8, 13, 20, 381 and 391, the

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and call all pastors, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful to dutifully observe these ecclesiastical and canonical norms.

These new norms are effective as of October 4, 2007, during the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the year (1887) when the Vicariate of Colorado was elevated to the Diocese of Denver. These norms amend, update and clarify certain of the ecclesiastical and canonical norms and particular laws that were effective on July 1, 2004, which abrogated the norms previously set forth in the *Pastoral Handbook for the Archdiocese of Denver*, promulgated by my esteemed predecessor, then Archbishop J. Francis Stafford on September 8, 1991.

Given, from the office of the Archbishop at the John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization, Denver, Colorado, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of the State of Colorado.

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Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
Archbishop of Denver

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Francis X. Maier  
Chancellor