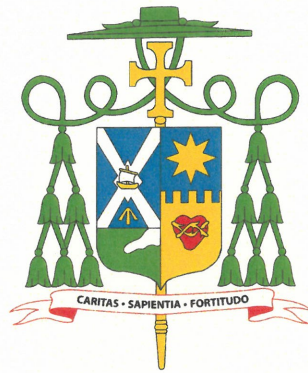


Most Reverend David Laurin Ricken, D.D., J.C.L.



By the Grace of God and the Authority of the Apostolic See
Bishop of Green Bay

DECREE

The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help has been a sacred place of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary since October 9, 1859,

Whereas I formally approved and declared the apparition of 1859 as worthy of belief on December 8, 2010,

Whereas having carefully considered the law and the facts and having carefully studied the Statutes of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Inc. issued on December 1, 2011, and

Whereas in 2016 the Shrine was designated as a national Shrine by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and

Whereas having received acknowledgement from the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on December 15, 2022, stating that individual churches can by right celebrate the anniversary of their dedication as well as of their title with the rank of solemnity,

Therefore, at the sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Champion, the anniversary of her apparition will be celebrated as a solemnity each year on October 9th, thus nurturing devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the shrine respecting the norms of *Calendaria particularia*, and

Given that Our Blessed Mother's appearance to Adele Brise was at the location of Champion, WI, and

in conformity with the proper terminology associated with approved Marian apparition sites elsewhere,

I hereby approve, by means of this decree, a change in title from Our Lady of Good Help to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.

Given at the Chancery, Green Bay, Wisconsin on 4/20 2023.

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Green Bay

Chancellor