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## DECREE APPROVING FIAT CLASSICAL ACADEMY, INC. AS A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITHFUL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

The Board of Directors of the *de facto* association known as *Fiat Classical Academy, Inc.*, have petitioned that the Association be canonically approved as a Private Association of the Christian Faithful in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Having carefully considered the petition and having carefully studied its bylaws and statutes; and having determined that this Association would be useful to the lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and having been assured that this Association has the means and resources to achieve its designated purposes; and to provide suitably for the care of souls; I, the undersigned Archbishop of Indianapolis, by virtue of canon 312 §1, 3°, hereby accept and approve the Bylaws and Statutes of *Fiat Classical Academy, Inc.*, and herewith canonically approve it as a Private Association of the Christian faithful in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the spiritual and pastoral needs of the People of God and for the purposes defined in its Bylaws Statutes.

Furthermore, by virtue of canon 300, I hereby grant the Association permission to use the name "Catholic" as part of its official name in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and in its logo, emblem, and insignia.

All associations of the Christian faithful are subject to the oversight authority of the the undersigned and my successors, who is directed by the norm of law to exercise vigilance so that:

1. The goods of the association are used for its proper purposes.
2. The integrity of faith and morals is preserved in the association.
3. Abuse does not creep into ecclesiastical Discipline.
4. Dissipation of the energies of the association is avoided.
5. The exercise of the apostolate of the association is ordered to the common good (cc. 305 §1 & 323 §2).

By virtue of canon 397 §1, I reserve to myself and my successors in office the right of ordinary episcopal visitation to ensure that the spiritual and material affairs of this Association are directed according to the norm of law and its statutes.

The approved statutes of the Association cannot be changed or amended without the approval of the competent ecclesiastical authority (canon 314).

Given at the Office of the Archbishop on 12 February 2024.

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