



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

Decree Granting Canonical Status to EPIC Ministry

Having reviewed and approved the canonical statutes of EPIC Ministry, which are also serving as the civil bylaws, with “EPIC” being an acronym for “Ever Present In Christ,” I hereby recognize EPIC Ministry as a private association of the Christian faithful in accord with the norm of canon law. I recognize that the mission of EPIC Ministry is “to empower young adults to follow Christ by spiritual, social, and service paths,” according to its statutes.

I have approved the statutes dated October 11, 2018. Any amendments to the statutes must be submitted to me for approval.

With this decree, I also grant EPIC Ministry the status of a private juridic person, thus enabling the entity to enter into agreements with other juridic persons, such as parishes.

As a private juridic person, EPIC ministry’s temporal goods are not ecclesiastical goods and consequently not subject to the canonical norms on temporal goods. Nevertheless, EPIC Ministry must continue to maintain its tax exempt status as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, fulfill all civil and applicable canonical requirements, and remain subject to ecclesiastical vigilance in accord with its statutes.

I reserve the right for me or my successor to withdraw approval of the statutes and to suppress the association at any time.

Given at the Office of the Bishop on the 15th day of October in the year 2018.

+ Clarence Silva

Most Reverend Clarence (Larry) Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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Denise Oliveira

Notary