

## DECREE

Whereas Saint John Paul II was canonized on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, 2014, by Pope Francis at Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican City;

Whereas Saint John Paul II has made an extraordinary contribution to the spiritual and temporal well-being of the Church and humankind;

Whereas Saint John Paul II continually taught and upheld the sanctity and dignity of human life throughout his Pontificate;

Whereas Saint John Paul II laboured zealously for peace in the world;

Whereas Saint John Paul II lived a life of fervent prayer and filial devotion to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary;

Whereas Saint John Paul II visited the Archdiocese of Vancouver in 1984 and was welcomed by multitudes of the faithful,

Therefore, I, J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver, do decree, on the Twenty-Seventh Day of April, Divine Mercy Sunday, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen, that Saint John Paul II is named the Secondary Patron of the Archdiocese of Vancouver whose intercession and spiritual protection we do most humbly beseech. The commemoration of Saint John Paul II will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Vancouver as an Obligatory Memorial on the Twenty-Second Day of October every year.

Granted this Twenty-Seventh Day of April, Divine Mercy Sunday, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Fourteen, at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre of the Archdiocese of Vancouver in the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Iost Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB Archbishop of Vancouver

Reverend Bruce McAllister, JCL

Chancellor

150 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC V6B 2A7 Telephone: 604.443.3203 Facsimile: 604.681.8355 Email: rcavbishop@rcav.org