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DECREE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SHRINE

For many years, the place of worship of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of Częstochowa/Centocow**, entrusted to the care of the **Pauline Fathers in Centocow Mission**, has played an important spiritual role both in the Umzimkulu Diocese and in other regions of the Republic of South Africa and neighbouring countries. Numerous testimonies of the faithful confirm the spiritual rebirth that they experience during prayer in this holy shrine. The history of the Mission in Centocow intertwines the Veneration of Mary, Our Lady of Częstochowa/Centocow, with deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, creating a unique space of grace.

Taking into account the spiritual needs of the faithful of the Umzimkulu Diocese and numerous pilgrims, after considering the request of the General Superior of the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit, Fr. Arnold Chrapkowski, OSPPE and the parish priest of Centocow Mission, Fr. David Dlamini, OSPPE, acting on the basis of can. 1230 of the Code of Canon Law, I establish the parish church in Centocow Mission

**as the Sanctuary of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of
Częstochowa/Centocow.**

This Sanctuary, as a special place of worship and a source of grace established by the ecclesiastical authority, enjoys the privilege of the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence by the faithful who, visiting it, devoutly recite the prayer Our Father and the Creed on the following days: on the titular feast of the Sanctuary each year on the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** and on the **Solemnity of our Lady of Czestochowa/Centocow** on the 10th of August, on **Divine Mercy Sunday**,

or on the Sunday preceding or following those dates according to the prudent choice of the rector, as well as once a year on a day freely chosen by each faithful coming to the Sanctuary and whenever they take part in a pilgrimage to this place, which takes place with the participation of numerous faithful. To obtain a plenary indulgence, in addition to visiting the Sanctuary, one must fulfil the conditions always required for this, i.e.: sacramental confession, receiving Holy Communion, excluding any attachment to sin, even venial, and any prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father - these can also be fulfilled on the days close to visiting the Sanctuary (Enchiridion indulgentiarum, N.2n).

I appoint the Parish Priest of Centocow Mission as the Rector of the Sanctuary. As the custodian of this place, I entrust him, together with his collaborators, with the care that pilgrims coming to the Sanctuary are provided with the most abundant access to the means of salvation through the proclamation of the Word of God, an appropriately lively liturgical life, especially the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance, and by cultivating the forms of popular piety accepted in the Church community. In fulfilling his duties, the Father Rector will be guided by the provisions of the Code of Canon Law and other regulations, as well as the Statutes of the Shrine, which will be prepared and submitted for approval to the Ordinary, in accordance with can. 1232 of the Code of Canon Law.

This Decree has been drawn up in two identical copies for the Archives of the Shrine and for the Archives of the Diocesan Curia in Umzimkulu.

The Decree enters into force on 9th of March 2025.

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Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Umzimkulu.



Harding, on the 8nd of March 2025

