MOST REVEREND JOE S. VASQUEZ
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE APOSTOLIC SEE
BISHOP OF AUSTIN

DECREES

By Which the Diocese of Austin is Consecrated to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

In observance of the seventieth year since the establishment of the Diocese of Austin under the
patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the title of the Immaculate Conception; and

Being mindful of having recently observed the centenary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
to three children in Fatima, Portugal, where she urged penance, reparation for sin, and prayer, especially
the rosary; and

Ever grateful for her fiat, by which in loving obedience to God she expressed her willingness to allow
in her immaculate womb the Incarnation of Jesus, our Lord and Savior; and looking with hope to her
Immaculate Heart, which knows only love for God and all of God’s children;

We, the faithful of this local Church, ask for her prayers and assistance that we may follow her holy
eexample of discipleship, striving to be transformed by God’s grace and to respond more completely to
the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, whom we encounter as His children and
through whom we are graced with the title of Christian.

Therefore, as chief shepherd of the Church of Austin, and in union with the priests, deacons, consecrated
religious, and lay faithful, I consecrate and entrust the Diocese of Austin to the maternal care of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, and her Immaculate Heart, in order that we might be drawn more fully into union
with her beloved Son, Jesus, and His Sacred Heart, and more perfectly submit to the will of God.

Given at the Diocese of Austin, under my sign and seal, and the countersign of my Chancellor, on this,
the Second Sunday of Advent on the 10th day of December in the year of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ, 2017.

[Signature]
Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez
Bishop of Austin

Deacon Ron Walker
Chancellor