



## THE DIOCESE OF BELLEVILLE

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October 9, 2020

Reverend Von C. Deeke  
St. Joseph Parish & St. Agatha Parish  
P. O. Box 98  
Freeburg, IL 62243

Dear Father Deeke,

On July 16, 2020, Bishop Edward K. Braxton, then-Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Belleville, appointed you Administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Freeburg and St. Agatha Parish in New Athens.

I am pleased to now appoint you as Pastor of these same two parishes, effective with the date of this letter, for a period of six (6) years. (Please review canons 515-544 of The Code of Canon Law). With this letter, I authorize you to act in the name of both parishes in all matters according to Canon 532.

I am enclosing copies of the Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity. These should be proclaimed aloud and signed during the Mass of Installation, which should be set on a date within the next eight weeks that is convenient for you and the Vicar Forane, Reverend Monsignor John T. Myler. Please return these signed and witnessed documents to the Bishop's Office immediately after the Installation. The Rite of Installation is enclosed and is suitable for use at your installation.

As you assume the ministry of this Pastorate, please continue to give special attention to the Christian formation of young people and the nourishing of vocations to the priesthood. There is no more urgent need in our Diocese. Use every opportunity to work and pray for vocations to the Priesthood.

May the Lord who begins this good work in you bring it to fulfillment. *Oremus pro invicem.*

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael McGovern  
Bishop of Belleville

Ecclesiastical Notary

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