



The Archdiocese of Birmingham

DECREE OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

OF THE PRIMUS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ENGLISH RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

To all the Faithful of this Church, and to whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned Metropolitan, acting with the advice and consent of the College of Bishops of the North American English Rite Catholic Church, having received and duly considered the written resignation tendered by His Eminence, The Most Reverend and Right Honorable **Skylar J. Campbell**, Lord Archbishop of New York and Primus of this Church, dated 05/07/2026, do hereby promulgate and decree as follows:

Having examined the causes set forth in the letter of resignation, namely Persistent ill health or chronic disability that substantially impedes the exercise of metropolitan and primatial functions; and finding the same to constitute a just and proportionate canonical cause in accordance with the received discipline of the Church and the norms set forth in Title V, Canon 9 of the Canons of this Church, We accept the resignation of the Primus.

The resignation is hereby accepted effective upon the date of this Decree 05/07/2026, and the Primatial See of this Church is declared vacant (*sede vacante*).

In accordance with the Constitution and Canons of this Church, the Senior Metropolitan of this Church His Eminence, The Most Reverend and Right Honorable **Mark A. Evans II**, Lord Archbishop of Birmingham and Metropolitan Archbishop of the Western United States, shall immediately assume the role of Acting Primus with full metropolitan and primatial authority until such time as a new Primus is lawfully elected and enthroned.

All acts performed by the former Primus in his primatial capacity up to the effective date of this Decree are hereby ratified and confirmed, saving only those acts which may be contrary to the Faith, Order, or Canons of this Church.

The former Primus, now Primus Emeritus shall retain the episcopal dignity and title of Metropolitan Archbishop Emeritus of New York and shall enjoy all rights and privileges appropriate to a retired Metropolitan Archbishop of this



Church. Suitable provision shall be made for his sustenance and housing in accordance with the dignity of his Order and the temporal canons of this Church.

The Primus Emeritus shall also retain the title and dignity of Titular Archbishop of Ephesus.

This Decree shall be promulgated forthwith in the Official Gazette of this Church, communicated to all Bishops Ordinary, Metropolitans, Clergy, and faithful, and entered into the Acts of the College of Bishops and the Archives of the Holy Synod.

Given at Birmingham, this 7th day of May, in the Year of Our Lord 2026, being the 17th year of the Episcopate of the former Primus.

In witness whereof, We have hereunto set Our hands and affixed Our seals.



++Mark A Evans II

The Most Reverend Mark A. Evans II,
Lord Archbishop of Birmingham
Metropolitan of the Western Province and Senior Metropolitan