



DIOCESE OF CHIKWAWA
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

DECREE OF ERECTION
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TERRITORIAL PARISH
SAINT JOSEPH, CHINTHEBE



In view of the church's divine mission to the nations of the world and, driven by the inner necessity of her own catholicity and obeying the mandate of Jesus Christ, her Founder (cf. Mark 16:16) to proclaim the Gospel to all people and,

In view of the apostles themselves, on whom the church was founded, following in the footsteps of Christ, "preached the word of truth and begot churches" (LG, 23); it is the duty of their successors to make this task endure "so that the word of God may run and be glorified (2 Thess. 3:1) and the kingdom of God be proclaimed and established throughout the world,

In view of the fact that it is the right of the Diocesan Bishop to erect parishes after consulting the Council of Priests and the diocesan Laity Council.

NOW THEREFORE, having fulfilled all civil and canonical requirements set forth and in accord with the authority entrusted to my office in can. 515, §2;

I, the Right Rev. Peter Musikuwa, Bishop of the Diocese of Chikwawa, having consulted the Council of Priests of this Diocese, in accordance with the provisions of Canons 515 §§ 1-3 and 518, and by the testimony of this document, do hereby erect Saint Joseph, Chinthebe, currently under Njale Parish, as a territorial Parish, in the Diocese of Chikwawa. The new parish will be part of the Deanery of Molere. Thus, henceforth it shall be called Saint Joseph, Chinthebe.

The new territorial parish shall have the following out-stations, which shall also form as territorial boundaries: Mankhamba, Chisinkha, Jeremiah, Masamba, Mbendera, Mapanga and Wilson.

I direct that this decree be published on the website of the Diocese of Chikwawa which will be presumed to be the official notification of this action. And that it be posted somewhere visible for the knowledge of the entire parish community. May the Gospel be made known to the faithful through this new juridic person and the resources provided to it. May all who gather within this new parish be sanctified through the regular reception of the Sacraments which Jesus instituted and grow deeper in their knowledge of and personal relationship with Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

Finally, I hereby decree that Reverend Father Yohane Nzondola is appointed as the inaugural pastor of Saint Joseph, Chinthebe, who enjoys those faculties provided in Canon Law.

The erection of Saint Joseph in the diocese of Chikwawa is to become effective on Saturday, the 29th day of August 2026, the memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

Given on the 1st day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six, the Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor.


Right Reverend Peter Musikuwa
Bishop of the Diocese of Chikwawa


Very Reverend Father Cosmas
Chasukwa
Vicar General