

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

WHEREAS in and by a Petition bearing date the 14th. day of July, 1914 presented to Us by the Priest-in-Charge, the Churchwardens and several of the Church people of Twenty-four Rivers, in the Diocese of Pretoria, it is set forth that a portion of the Farm Twenty-four Rivers 106, District Waterberg, has been donated by Miss Edith Anne Fawcett and is about to be transferred to the Diocesan Trustees, and that a Church has been erected thereon known as the Church of St. John the Baptist, Twenty-four Rivers,

AND WHEREAS the said petitioners have besought Us to Consecrate the said Church and to Dedicate it to the Service of Almighty God and to licence it for the celebration of Divine Worship in exclusive connection with the Church of the Province of South Africa, otherwise known as the Church of England or the English Church or the Church of the Anglican Communion in these parts,

NOW WE, MICHAEL, by Divine Permission Bishop of Pretoria, being willing to comply with this reasonable and pious prayer, do by these Presents, by our Diocesan and Episcopal Authority and in so far as in Us lies, separate for the future and set apart the said newly erected Church from all profane and common uses whatsoever and do Dedicate the same to the Service of Almighty God for the celebration and performance of Divine Worship according to the rites of the said Church of the Province of South Africa, and We do hereby Dedicate the said Church and will and desire that it should be known by the name of St. John the Baptist, saving nevertheless unto Ourselves and to Our Successors Our Episcopal rights and privileges hereunder, and we do openly and publicly decree pronounce and declare the same ought so to remain separated and dedicated as it is by this Our sentence or final decree which We give and promulgate by these Presents

GIVEN and published in St. John the Baptist's Church, Twenty-four Rivers aforesaid, this 15th. day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen and of our Consecration the fifth.

Signed and sealed

Michael Pretor.