



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH  
THE BISHOP'S OFFICE



**Statement of the Most Reverend Michael F. Olson, Bishop of Fort Worth**

**To the Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious, Seminarians, and Lay Faithful  
of the Diocese of Fort Worth**

September 24, 2024

It has come to my attention that the Reverend Vincent Young, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton, may be in residence and offering Mass at the Arlington Carmel.

Father Young is a priest of the Diocese of Scranton. He has no faculties in the Diocese of Scranton and has been absent from that diocese for approximately twenty years.

Father Young has not informed me of his presence in the Diocese of Fort Worth. He has not requested faculties from me for the celebration of the sacraments or for my permission for ministry in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Therefore, please know that Father Young does not have faculties for the celebration of the sacraments or my permission for ministry in the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Finally, mindful of the salvation of souls, as your bishop I must plead with you, the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth that for the good of your souls you do not participate in any sacraments that may be offered at the Monastery as such participation will associate you with the scandalous disobedience and disunity of the members of the Arlington Carmel. The same can be said of offering them any financial support at this time. Rather, I invite the faithful of the Diocese of Fort Worth to join me in prayer and sacrifice for the nuns, for the restoration of order at the Arlington Carmel, and for the return to sober obedience and regular union with the Church by the members of the Community.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+ Michael F. Olson*

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