



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

STATEMENT TO THE FAITHFUL OF THE DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

April 20, 2024

The most recent statement (April 20, 2024) of the Arlington Carmel's former leadership is sad and troubling because it manifests a skewed and selective misunderstanding of the nature of the Catholic Church and of the charism of the monastic life. It is a slap at the nuns who are their sisters in the Carmelite order. It is an apparent rejection of the ministry of the Holy See's Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

The Holy See has acted in a way to promote and foster unity in Christ for the healing of the Arlington Carmel and of each of the nuns who are members of the community—not simply the former prioress and her former councilors.

This is an internal church matter that the former prioress continues to attempt to exploit in the civil court—in which it has no standing.

Please pray for all of the nuns that they accept the legitimate leadership of their Association entrusted to them by the Holy See.