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In the year of Our Lord, two thousand six, during the forty-first anniversary of the conclusion of The Second Vatican Council, and fortieth anniversary of the establishment of Diocese of Beaumont by Pope Paul VI, in the second year of the pontificate of Benedict XVI, Bishop of Rome, during the eighteenth year of my episcopacy and sixth year as Bishop of Beaumont, during the Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving and the solemn announcement of the concession of the title of Basilica to the Cathedral,

Proclaims For Perpetual Memory The Opening of The Diocesan Year of Jubilee convoking clergy, religious, faithful and all peoples of good will

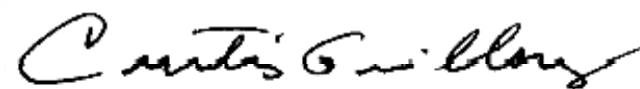
to joyfully celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the Inception of the Diocese of Beaumont, the Centennial Anniversary of the church edifice of Saint Anthony in Beaumont being dedicated as a sacred sanctuary consecrated to Almighty God, and Our Holy Father's recent designation of our Diocesan Cathedral as a Minor Basilica.

The events of this Diocesan Jubilee Year will culminate in a Pontifical Centennial Mass on Sunday, October 21, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., which will include the solemn ceremony acknowledging that Saint Anthony Cathedral has been elevated by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI to the title of Cathedral Basilica.

All are urged to renew and strengthen their faith in God and desire for sanctity, witness to holiness of life, acknowledge failings and seek forgiveness and reconciliation, re-establish social order and justice in gratitude for every Divine Grace, Blessing and Favor. I urge all to participate in this Jubilee Year of Thanksgiving in this holy house of prayer, this sacred temple of worship, which has faithfully nourished the People of God throughout these past 100 years. May Saint Anthony Cathedral Basilica, as the "Mother Church" (Mater Ecclesia) for every Catholic in our Diocese, be for all peoples and in every generation God's holy dwelling.

Given this 10th day of September 2006 in Beaumont, Texas for the Praise, Glory and Honor of God the Father, through Jesus Christ, His Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit!

Amen.



Bishop of Beaumont