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I, Fr. Saverio Cannistrà, O.C.D.
Prior General of the Discalced Brothers
of the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt Carmel
and Prior of the monastery on the same Holy Mountain,

SINCE Nicholas V, of happy memory, in his Bull *Cum nulla fidelium*, dated October 7, 1452, and Sixtus IV, in *Dum attenta*, on November 28, 1476 invested the Prior General of the Carmelite Order, or his Vicar, with the perpetually valid faculty of erecting the Secular Order of the most Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel throughout the world, and since Clement VIII in his bull *Cum dudum*, dated March 23, 1594 and *Romanum Pontificem*, of August 20, 1603, extended this faculty to the Superior General of the Discalced Carmelite Order, I accept the petition to erect a Community of our Secular Order with the title of *St. Teresa Benedicta*, in the city of Washington D.C. in the Archdiocese of Washington. Having received the consent of the Most Reverend Ordinary of the Diocese, I most willingly grant to Reverend Father Salvatore Sciorba, OCD, according to canon 312 of the *Code of Canon Law*, the faculty to erect, in my name, the above-mentioned group into a Community of the Secular Order of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel.

This certificate bears my signature and the seal of my Office, as a witness to this.

Given at Rome from our General House on 22 December 2016.

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Fr. Saverio Cannistrà OCD
Superior General

Fr. Alzimir F. Debastiani OCD
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