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General Decree on the Use of Hula in the Liturgy

Attached are norms on Sacred Gesture in the Liturgy promulgated by the Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, then Bishop of Honolulu, on January 3, 1999. This general decree reiterates that those norms remain in effect as particular law for the diocese of Honolulu.

Please note the following additional clarifications:

1. Music must be of a sacred, not secular, character, and is to be appropriate to the liturgical season.
2. Since liturgical gestures are acts of praise and worship and not entertainment, applause after the gestures is not appropriate. This should be announced or included in worship aides as needed.

Given at the Office of the Bishop on the 20th day of July, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clarence Silva".

Most Reverend Clarence Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis R. Oliveira".

Ecclesiastical Notary