



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
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Cause of Beatification and Canonization

of the Servant of God

WILLIAM ATKINSON

Professed Priest of the Order of Saint Augustine

EDICT

I, Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia, make note of having received, on the date of September 15, 2015, the *supplex libellus*, with which, the Rev. Father Josef Sciberras O.S.A., Postulator General of the Order of Saint Augustine and of the cause of beatification and canonization of the Servant of God William Atkinson, a professed priest of the Order of Saint Augustine, requested the introduction of said Cause;

Therefore, in notifying the Church community, we invite each and every member of the faithful to communicate directly to us all the information which can in any way argue favorably or unfavorably for the reputation of holiness of said Servant of God.

Having to gather, moreover, according to legal procedure, all the writings attributed to him, we order, by means of this EDICT, all who may be in possession of them, to consign these writings whose author is the Servant of God, with due care to the headquarters of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (Chancery Office, Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 222 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, PA 19103), if they have not already been entrusted to the Postulator of the Cause.

We remind everyone that by *writings* are not to be understood only printed works, which have already been gathered, but also manuscripts, diaries, letters, and every other private writing of the Servant of God. Those who would like to keep the originals, can present copies with the necessary authentication.

I direct, finally, that the present EDICT remain affixed for two months to the doors of the Episcopal residence of Philadelphia and of the Cathedral and that it be published on the archdiocesan website and posted in other locations in which Father Atkinson ministered and lived.

The chancellor must send a copy of this Edict to the Postulator of the Cause, Rev. Father Josef Sciberra, O.S.A.

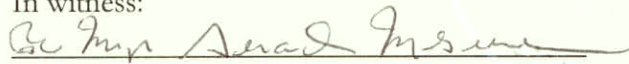
Given at Philadelphia, at the See of the Episcopal Office, the thirteenth day of March 2017

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Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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In witness:



Chancellor

Philadelphia, the 13th day of March 2017