



MOST REVEREND JOSEPH R. KOPACZ, D.D., PH.D.
CATHOLIC DIOCESE of JACKSON

EDICT

FOR THE OPENING OF THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION AND CANONIZATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD SR. THEA BOWMAN, F.S.P.A.

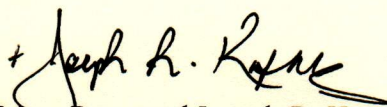
In the name of the Diocese of Jackson, Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, approved and appointed by myself as postulator, requested me to initiate the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., Educator, Evangelizer, Missionary Disciple, Advocate for Cultural Awareness and Racial Harmony, who died on March 30, 1990 at Canton in this diocese.

After having consulted with the Holy See, my brother bishops and the faithful of this diocese, I, the undersigned, Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz, Bishop of Jackson, declare to have accepted the request made by Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, the postulator of this cause, and therefore declare publicly in this Cathedral the Cause for Beatification of the Servant of God **Sr. Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A.** to be opened.

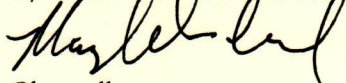
I have asked my Ecclesiastic Tribunal to carry out all necessary steps to instruct this Diocesan inquiry. All those who can give valid testimony, even if they have negative proof, are advised to come forth and contact the Tribunal. Moreover, those who possess writings of any kind regarding the Servant of God are asked to put them at the tribunal's disposition.

Given this 18th day of November 2018, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle in Jackson.

In faith,


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Most Reverend Joseph R. Kopacz
Bishop of Jackson

By order of the Most Reverend Bishop


Chancellor

