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OF

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The Right Reverend Peter Eaton
Bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida

Dated: 16: Ray, 2024

The Executive Board of the Diocese of Southeast Florida

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