



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State

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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Grateful for God's Providence

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(A) TO RECEIVE FUNDS THROUGH A FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN TO BE ENDOWED WITHIN THE MAJOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM AND THE SENIOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND, TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF RI AND CATHOLIC EDUCATION WITHIN THE TEMPORAL JURISDICTION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE, TO FUND CAPITAL RENOVATIONS FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER AND PAUL IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO PARTICIPATING PARISHES FOR THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS, AND TO ENCOURAGE CURRENT AND PLANNED GIFTS OF ALL KINDS TO SUPPORT THESE FUNDS.

(B) TO CARRY ON AND PERFORM ALL SUCH WORKS AND FURTHER, TO CARRY ON ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL OR CHARITABLE WORKS WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND CHAPTER 7-6 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES OPERATE FOR THE BENEFIT OF, PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF, CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF, OR TO THE SUPPORT THE MISSION AND PURPOSES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE.

(C) NO MORE THAN AN INSUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE IN FURTHERANCE OF NON-EXEMPT PURPOSES.

(D) NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS), ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

(E) ANY OTHER PROVISIONS HEREIN NOTWITHSTANDING, THE CORPORATION WILL AT ALL TIMES BE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EXEMPT PURPOSES WITHIN

THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND SHALL NOT HAVE THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING OR TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD CAUSE IT TO CEASE TO QUALIFY AS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION UNDER STATE LAW OR AS AN ORGANIZATION EXEMPT UNDER SECTIONS 501(C)(3) AND AS A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN SECTION 509(A)(3) OF THE CODE.

ALL REFERENCES HEREIN:(I) TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SHALL BE DEEMED TO REFER TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS NOW IN FORCE OR HEREAFTER AMENDED; OR TO A CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE AND (II) TO THE GENERAL LAWS OF RHODE ISLAND SHALL BE DEEMED TO REFER TO THE GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS NOW IN FORCE OR HEREAFTER AMENDED, OR TO A CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE COMPILATION OF GENERAL LAWS.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

1. THE CORPORATION IS NOT ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT, AND NO PART OF THE NET INCOME OR PROFIT OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO, ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED TO OR ON BEHALF OF THE CORPORATION AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN.

2. IN THE EVENT OF THE LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, OR TERMINATION OF THE CORPORATION, WHETHER VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY, NO MEMBER, OFFICER, OR DIRECTOR SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ANY DISTRIBUTION OR DIVISION OF THE CORPORATION'S PROPERTY OR THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, AND UPON SUCH LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, OR TERMINATION, THE BALANCE OF ALL MONEY, ASSETS, AND OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION, AFTER THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF ITS DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS, SHALL, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR IN DEFAULT THEREOF, AN ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, BE DISTRIBUTED TO OR FOR ONE OR MORE CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS THEN EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE THAT PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF, CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF, OR SUPPORT THE MISSION AND PURPOSES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE.

ALL REFERENCES HEREIN: (I) TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SHALL BE DEEMED TO REFER TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS NOW IN FORCE OR HEREAFTER AMENDED;AND (II) TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS, OR ANY CHAPTER THEREOF, SHALL BE DEEMED TO REFER TO SAID GENERAL LAWS OR CHAPTER AS NOW IN FORCE OR HEREAFTER AMENDED.

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: C/O PARTRIDGE SNOW & HAHN LLP
40 WESTMINSTER STREET, SUITE 1100

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is EUGENE G. BERNARDO II, ESQ.

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 4 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	MOST REV. THOMAS J. TOBIN, EX OFFICIO	ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	REV. TIMOTHY D. REILLY, EX OFFICIO	ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	MICHAEL F. SABATINO, EX OFFICIO	ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	MOST REV. ROBERT C. EVANS, EX OFFICIO	ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	EUGENE G. BERNARDO II, ESQ.	40 WESTMINSTER STREET, SUITE 1100 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 30 Day of June, 2017 at 11:29:45 AM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.

EUGENE G. BERNARDO II, ESQ.

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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly executed in
accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as
amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

June 30, 2017 11:27 AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

