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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE BISHOP AND VICAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE OF HARTFORD, TOGETHER WITH THE PASTOR AND TWO LAYMEN OF ANY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OR CONGREGATION IN RHODE ISLAND.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Bishop and Vicar General of the Diocese of Hartford, together with the pastor and two laymen of any Roman Catholic church or congregation in the State of Rhode Island, upon complying with the requirements of this law, shall be, and are hereby constituted a body corporate under such name or title as they may adopt, as provided in the fifth section of this act, with power to sue and be sued, to purchase, hold, and convey real and personal property, and to enjoy all other rights and franchises incident to bodies corporate in the State of Rhode Island.

SEC. 2. The Bishop, Vicar General and pastor of such congregation shall be members, *ex officio*, of such body corporate, and upon their death, resignation, removal or preferment, their successors in office shall become such members instead. The two lay members shall be selected annually from the lay members of the congregation by the *ex officio* members of the corporation.

SEC. 3. Such body corporate shall have power to receive and hold by gift, grant or purchase, all property real or personal that may be conveyed thereto, for the purpose of maintaining religious worship according to the doctrine, discipline and ritual of the Roman Catholic Church, and for the support of the educational or charitable institutions of that church; *provided*, that no one incorporated congregation shall, at any time, possess an amount of property, excepting church and buildings, parsonages, school-houses, asylums and cemeteries, the annual income from which shall exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 4. Such body corporate shall at all times be subject to the general laws and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, shall receive and enjoy its franchises as a body politic, solely for the purposes mentioned in the third section of this act, and upon the violation and surrender of its charter, its property, real and personal,

shall vest in the Bishop of the diocese of Hartford and his successors, in trust for such congregations, and for the uses and purposes above named.

SEC. 5. Such body corporate shall organize by the appointment of the lay members before-mentioned, and upon filing in the office of the secretary of state a certificate signed by the several corporators, stating that they have so organized and have adopted this law as their charter, and will be concluded and bound thereby, and stating also the corporate name or title by which they and their successors shall be known and distinguished by virtue of this act; shall have all the rights and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and liabilities provided in this act, and in the act entitled, "Provisions respecting corporations in general," chapter 125, of the revised statutes, and in the acts in amendment of and in addition thereto.

SEC. 6. Three members of this corporation, of which one shall be a layman, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 7. This act shall be subject to all future acts in addition to, in amendment or in repeal of the same.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AN ACT ENTITLED, "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PROVIDENCE AND NEW YORK STEAMSHIP COMPANY."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The "Providence and New York Steamship Company" is hereby authorized and empowered to increase its capital stock fifty thousand dollars beyond the limit of capital authorized by the charters hereby amended.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.