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STATE OF ALABAMA,

COUNTY OF MOBILE.



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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

For many years, in accordance with the rule and discipline of the Roman Catholic Church, the members of the Roman Catholic Church residing in the State of Alabama and the western portion of Florida constituted a Diocese pursuant to the canons and rules of the Roman Catholic Church and the spiritual affairs of the Diocese, within these geographical limits, were entrusted to the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church who took the title; Bishop of Mobile. During the year 1911, in accordance with provisions of Act No. 429 of the General Acts of Alabama of 1911 (presently codified as Title 10, Sections 115 through 123, Code of Alabama of 1940) the then Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Mobile elected to become a corporation sole and did become a corporation sole under the aforesaid law and under the style and name of "The Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole." The original incorporation of The Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, was perfected on August 24, 1911 at a time when the late Most Rev. Edward P. Allen was the Bishop of the Diocese of Mobile. Upon incorporation, all of the temporal goods and properties adhering to the Diocese of Mobile became vested in the Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, under the name: "Most Rev. Edward P. Allen, Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole." In due time, following the death of Bishop Edward P. Allen, he was succeeded as Bishop in such Diocese by the Most Rev. T. J. Toolen, who applied to the Secretary of State of Alabama for a Certificate of Succession as Bishop of Mobile and who was issued

such a certificate May 27, 1927. From that day forward the temporal goods of the Diocese were held in the name Most Rev. T. J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole.

During the tenure of the Most Rev. T. J. Toolen the name of his Diocese (but not the name of the corporation sole) was changed from "Diocese of Mobile" to "Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham." Moreover, during the same period the limits of the Diocese were reduced from the former boundaries to the geographical boundaries of the State of Alabama and after such reduction the territorial jurisdiction over which the Bishop of the Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham was in charge became and remained the geographical limits of the State of Alabama, all of the temporalities remaining nevertheless held in the name of Most Rev. T. J. Toolen, Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole.

During the year 1969 the Most Rev. T. J. Toolen submitted his resignation as Bishop of the Diocese and higher ecclesiastical authority having jurisdiction of such matters did thereafter cause the Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham to be divided into two Dioceses; that is to say, that higher competent ecclesiastical authority having jurisdiction in such matters relating to the Roman Catholic Church, its governance and discipline, caused to be carved out of the former Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham a new Diocese within the geographical limits of the State of Alabama the territorial extent of which is as follows:

The Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, newly erected and established, now consists of that portion of the former Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham included within the following counties of the State of Alabama, to-wit:

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Bibb, Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Coosa, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marengo, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Perry, Pickens, Randolph, Saint Clair, Shelby, Sumter, Talladega, Tallapoosa, Tuscaloosa, Walker and Winston.

The territorial limits of the Diocese of Mobile, after the establishment of the new Diocese, were reduced to the remaining counties in the State of Alabama other than the counties listed above as having been constituted the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama.

Following the erection of the new Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama the Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath was named as the Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and given spiritual charge over the faithful resident in the counties aforesaid which constitute the geographical extent of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. Having been named as Bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama the Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath made application under the provisions of the aforesaid Act 429 of the General Acts of 1911, now codified as Title 10, Sections 115 through 123, Code of Alabama of 1940, to himself be constituted as a corporation sole. Upon the filing of the aforesaid application the said Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath became a corporation sole under the laws of the State of Alabama pursuant to Articles of Incorporation found in Corporation Record Volume Z, Page 41, et seq. of the records in the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama, the date of the incorporation being December 11, 1969, on which date the Secretary of State of Alabama issued a Certificate of Incorporation to the Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath as Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole.

At the same time that the aforesaid areas comprising the new

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Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama were constituted as a separate Diocese by proper ecclesiastical authorities Most Rev. John L. May was named as Bishop of the Diocese of Mobile, Alabama, and, in turn he was issued a Certificate of Succession as Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, by the Secretary of State of Alabama on December 12, 1969, his Certificate of Succession being recorded in Corporation Record Volume Z, Page 56, of the records in the office of the Secretary of State of Alabama. By reason of such Certificate of Succession the said Most Rev. John L. May then became and now remains Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole.

By reason of the premises aforesaid it now is desired that a transfer of legal titles to real properties within the territorial limits of the counties of Alabama which have been constituted the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama be effected by a conveyance from the Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, to the Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole, of all real properties, title to which have formerly been vested in the Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, which are real properties located in any of the counties of the State of Alabama which now form the newly established Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, the temporal effects and goods of which are due to be vested in the Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing matters, and to effectuate a transfer of title as desired, Most Rev. John L. May, Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, does hereby SELL, CONVEY, TRANSFER, SET OVER and ASSIGN to Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath, Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole, the following described real properties located within the State of Alabama, to-wit:



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- a) All properties in Bibb County.
- b) All properties in Blount County.
- c) All properties in Calhoun County.
- d) All properties in Chambers County.
- e) All properties in Cherokee County.
- f) All properties in Chilton County.
- g) All properties in Clay County.
- h) All properties in Cleburne County.
- i) All properties in Colbert County.
- j) All properties in Coosa County.
- k) All properties in Cullman County.
- l) All properties in DeKalb County.
- m) All properties in Etowah County.
- n) All properties in Fayette County.
- o) All properties in Franklin County.
- p) All properties in Greene County.
- q) All properties in Hale County.
- r) All properties in Jackson County.
- s) All properties in Jefferson County.
- t) All properties in Lamar County.
- u) All properties in Lauderdale County.
- v) All properties in Lawrence County.
- w) All properties in Limestone County.
- x) All properties in Madison County.
- y) All properties in Marengo County.
- z) All properties in Marion County.
- aa) All properties in Marshall County.
- bb) All properties in Morgan County.
- cc) All properties in Perry County.
- dd) All properties in Pickens County.

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- ee) All properties in Randolph County.
- ff) All properties in Saint Clair County.
- gg) All properties in Shelby County.
- hh) All properties in Sumter County.
- ii) All properties in Talladega County.
- jj) All properties in Tallapoosa County.
- kk) All properties in Tuscaloosa County.
- ll) All properties in Walker County.
- mm) All properties in Winston County.

Together with all and singular the rights, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining;

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the Most Rev. Joseph G. Vath, Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole, its successors and assigns forever. The effective date of this conveyance is December 13, 1969.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Most Rev. John L. May, Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole, has caused this instrument to be executed and the corporate seal to be affixed this 10 day of September, 1976.

Most Rev John L May
Bishop of Mobile,
A Corporation Sole

ATTEST:

William Friend

Secretary



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STATE OF ALABAMA,

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I, Shirley P. Geman, a Notary Public in
and for said State and County, hereby certify that Most Rev.
John L. May, whose name as Bishop of Mobile, a corporation sole,
is signed to the foregoing conveyance, and who is known to me,
acknowledged before me on this day that, being informed of the
contents of the conveyance he, in his capacity as Bishop of
Mobile, a corporation sole, executed the same voluntarily for and
as the act of and in behalf of the Bishop of Mobile, a corporation
sole, with full authority, on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and seal this the 10th day of September,
1976.

Shirley P. Geman
Notary Public, Mobile County, Alabama

My Commission Expires April 25, 1978

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