

DECLARATION AND NOTICE
OF CORPORATE SUCCESSION

The undersigned, DANIEL F. WALSH, as Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas, hereby certifies and declares as follows:

1. That the ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF RENO, AND HIS SUCCESSORS, A CORPORATION SOLE, was duly organized as such by the authority of and in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada on October 13, 1931, by Thomas Gorman, the then Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Reno, for the purpose of administering and managing the property and temporalities of the Roman Catholic Church within said Diocese of Reno, and has since continued to be and to act as a corporation sole for such purpose.
2. That on or about April 4, 1972, the Articles of Incorporation of such corporation sole were amended to change the name of the corporation sole to "THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF RENO-LAS VEGAS, AND HIS SUCCESSORS, A CORPORATION SOLE".
3. That a vacancy in the incumbency of said corporation sole occurred on February 22, 1987, when Norman F. McFarland, the then Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas took canonical possession of another diocese; that thereafter in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of said Church, Thomas A. Meger, was duly elected as Diocesan Administrator by the College of Consultors, and accepted that election, to act as such successor in said corporation sole and be vested with all the rights and powers

granted by law to such corporation sole until a new Bishop was chosen to take canonical possession of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas.

4. That the undersigned DANIEL F. WALSH was duly appointed on June 9, 1987, as the Bishop of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas by the duly constituted head of said Church, to-wit: His Holiness POPE JOHN PAUL II, and that the undersigned assumed said office in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of said Church on August 5, 1987; and, thereupon, the undersigned became, ever since has been, and now is, the duly appointed, constituted and acting Bishop of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas and as such, the successor in said corporation sole.

5. That a true and correct copy of the Decree of Appointment dated July 15, 1987, is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" and by this reference made a part hereof and incorporated herein; and that a true and correct translation of said Decree, which is in the Latin language, into the English language is annexed hereto as Exhibit "B" and by this reference made a part hereof and incorporated herein.

6. That in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of said Church, the undersigned presented his Decree of Appointment to the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas, that a true and correct copy of the minutes of such meeting is annexed hereto as Exhibit "C" and by this reference made a part hereof and incorporated herein.

7. That the undersigned, as such successor in said corporation sole is, and continuously since August 5, 1987, has been, vested with all the rights and powers granted by law to said corporation sole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument on this 11th day of August, 1987, as Bishop of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas and as the successor in said corporation sole, and gives notice of the foregoing to all to whom it may concern.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
RENO-LAS VEGAS, AND HIS
SUCCESSORS, A CORPORATION SOLE

By *Daniel F. Walsh*
Daniel F. Walsh

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

I, DANIEL F. WALSH, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the assertions of this affidavit are true:

That I am the duly constituted, appointed and acting Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Reno and the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument; that I have

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read the foregoing instrument and know the contents thereof;
that the facts therein stated are true of my own knowledge.

+ Daniel F. Walsh
Daniel F. Walsh

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
this 11 day of August, 1987.

Jean Della Boni
NOTARY PUBLIC





APOSTOLIC NUNCIATURE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECRETUM

Decreto a Congregatione pro Episcopis iam edito, inceptaque Apostolicarum sub plumbo Litterarum expeditione de Excmo ac Revmo Domino Danieli Walsh ab ecclesia titolare Tigiense ad sedem residentialem Renensem Campensem transferendo, SSmus Dominus Noster IOANNES PAULUS, Divina Providentia Papa Secundus, per tramitem eiusdem Congregationis pro Episcopis, benigne indulsit ut, non obstante adhuc inexpleta praefatarum Litterarum expeditione, memoratus Excmus ac Revmus Dominus Daniel Walsh possessionem canonicam dioecesis Renensis Campensis valide et licite capere possit, cum id cleri populi que magis in bonum cedat, praestito sueto fidelitatis iuramento, servatisque coeteris de iure servando.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

In quorum fidem praesens Decretum manu Nostra subsignavimus ac Sigillo Nostro rite munivimus.

Datum Washingtonii, ex Aedibus Nunciaturae Apostolicae, die decima quinta, mensis Iulii, anno millesimo nongentesimo octogesimo septimo.



Plus Raph'

Archiepiscopus Maurianensis
Pro-Nuntius Apostolicus

EXHIBIT A



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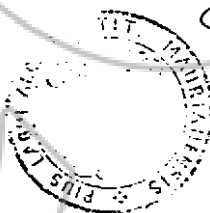
D E C R E E

Although the Apostolic Letters have been prepared by which the Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh is transferred from the Titular See of Tigia to the Residential See of Reno-Las Vegas, they have not yet been received. His Holiness, POPE JOHN PAUL II, through the Congregation for Bishops, has graciously granted that notwithstanding the lack of the aforesaid Apostolic Letters, the Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh, having taken the Oath of Fidelity, may validly and licitly take canonical possession of the See of Reno-Las Vegas, since this is preferable for the good of the clergy and the faithful, all other things being maintained which are required by law.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

In testimony of which, I have issued the present Decree, signed by my own hand and sealed with our own seal.

Given at Washington, at the Apostolic Nunciature, on the fifteenth day of July, in the Year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-seven.



Darius Kaph

Archbishop of Mauriana
Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

EXHIBIT B

DIOCESE OF RENO-LAS VEGAS
BOARD OF CONSULTORS

In conformity with Canon 382, paragraph 3, the Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh, Titular Bishop of Tigia and Auxiliary of the Most Reverend John R. Quinn, Archbishop of San Francisco did on August 5, 1987, present to the College of Diocesan Consultors assembled at Guardian Angel Cathedral, Las Vegas, his decree of appointment as the Residential Bishop of the Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas. A copy of the decree and translation is hereto attached.

In witness thereto, we, the undersigned Diocesan Consultors do affix our signatures.

[Handwritten signatures of three individuals]

Thomas Meyer

August 5, 1987
Date

[Handwritten signature of Gilbert J. Canuel, Jr.]
Gilbert J. Canuel, Jr.
Chancellor

The Diocese of Reno-Las Vegas was singularly honored by the presence during the Canonical Installation before the Board of Consultors, by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Norman F. McFarland, Bishop of Orange in California.

EXHIBIT C

COPY

No. 8-448
FILED AND RECORDED AT REQUEST OF
Woodburn, Wedge, Blakely etc.
August 14, 1987
AT 1 MINUTES PAST 1 O'CLOCK
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RECORDS, PAGE 341 LINCOLN
COUNTY, NEVADA.

FRANK C. HULSE
COUNTY RECORDER
By Mara Corda Deputy