

DECLARATION AND NOTICE
OF CORPORATE SUCCESSION

The undersigned, Joseph A. Pepe, as Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of 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 October 13, 1976, the Sacred Congregation of Bishops entered a decree authorizing and changing the name of the Diocese of Reno, and his successors, a Corporation Sole to the name Diocese of Reno - Las Vegas, and his successors, a Corporation Sole. By virtue of the decree, the Most Reverend Norman F. McFarland, then the duly appointed constituted and acting Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno, as successor in said corporation sole, amended the Articles of Incorporation so that the corporation sole was known as The Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno - Las Vegas, and his successors, a Corporation Sole, and a Certificate of Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada on April 4, 1977.
3. That on or about March 15, 1995, His Holiness John Paul II, Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, by proclamation, order or bull issued by him entered a decree authorizing and changing the name of the Diocese of Reno - Las Vegas, and his successors, a Corporation Sole to the name Diocese of Las Vegas, and his successors, a Corporation Sole. By virtue thereof, the Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh, then the duly appointed

constituted and acting Roman Catholic Bishop of Reno - Las Vegas, as successor in said corporation sole, amended the Articles of Incorporation so that the corporation sole was known as The Roman Catholic Bishop of Las Vegas, and his successors, a Corporation Sole, and a Certificate of Amendment of the Articles of Incorporation was duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada on June 29, 1995.

4. That a vacancy in the incumbency of the aforesaid corporation sole occurred on May 22, 2000, when the Most Reverend Daniel F. Walsh, the then Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas took canonical possession of another diocese; that thereafter in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church, Monsignor Patrick R. Leary, was duly elected as Diocesan Administrator by the College of Consultors, and accepted that election, to act as such successor in the aforesaid corporation sole and was vested with all the rights and powers granted by law to the aforesaid corporation sole until a new Bishop was chosen to take canonical possession of the Diocese of Las Vegas.

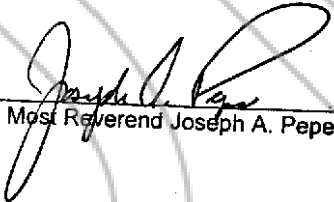
5. That the undersigned Joseph A. Pepe was duly appointed on May 31, 2001, as the Bishop of the Las Vegas by the duly constituted head of said Church, to-wit: His Holiness POPE JOHN PAUL II, and that the undersigned assumed said office in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of said Church on May 31, 2001; and, thereupon, the undersigned became, ever since has been, and now is, the duly appointed, constituted and acting Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas and as such, the successor in said corporation sole.

6. That a true and correct copy of the Decree of Appointment is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" 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 May 31, 2001, 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 20th day of August, 2001, as Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas and as the successor in said corporation sole, and gives notice of the foregoing to all to whom it may concern.

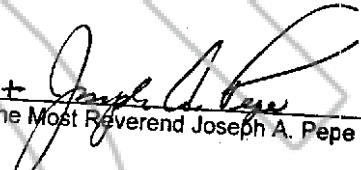
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
LAS VEGAS, AND HIS SUCCESSORS,
A CORPORATION SOLE

By + 
The Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe

STATE OF NEVADA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF CLARK)

I, Joseph A. Pepe, do hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the assertions of this affidavit are true:

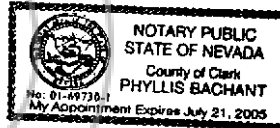
That I am the duly constituted, appointed and acting Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Las Vegas and the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument; that I have read the foregoing instrument and know the contents thereof; that the facts therein stated are true of my own knowledge.


+ _____
The Most Reverend Joseph A. Pepe

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me
this 20th day of AUGUST, 2001.



NOTARY PUBLIC



when recorded mail to:

John H. Mowbray
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JOSEPHES DANIELIS EPISCOPUS SERVUS SERVORUM DEI

Silveto Silio Josepho A. Pepe, electo archiepiscopalis Philadelphensis Latinarum, hactenus Cancellario ac Vicario Civitatis et Vicario Episcopali pro Civitate archiepiscopalis Sanctae Sibi in America Septentrionali, electo Episcopo Campensi, salutem et Apostolicam Benedictionem. Cum providendum sit cathedrae Sedi Campensi, vacanti post constitutum Venabilem Patrem Danielum S. Walsh Praesulum Sanctae Rosae in California, Nos solliciti de rebus Domini quae homo te, Silvestre Silii, clavis mentis et cordis bonibus ornatum acutissime petimus, putamus idoneum ad illam regendam, De consilio igitur Congregationis pro Episcopis, summa Apostolica potestate te Campensem Episcopum nominamus, auctoritate tuis iuribus impositisque obligationibus Decernimus ut ordinationem a quolibet catholico Episcopo ex-tingere facere atque ius iurandum liturgicas leges. Contra autem tuum erit catholicae fidei professio- scopo rectae fidei, formulaeque abhinc ab memoratam Congregationem mittere. Quodammodo praeter- ea - ut de his litteris facias certiores cleam ac populum istius Dioecesis, quos hortamur ut te libentes ac- cipiant tecumque conunctori maneat. Deo te benigne dilecte Silii, auspice Virgine Maria, Patraliti Spici- tus ubertima poscimus dona, quibus adiutus ira adlabores ut fideles tibi cessari cessant cordis in fide, spe et caritate itemque conciperentur Christo, Domino ac Redemptori nostro - cfr. S. Iacobi Pictaviensis, Contra Constantium 11, 5: PL 10, 588. Gratia Dei sit semper tecum et cum ecclesiali communitate Cam- pensis Nobis carissima. Datum Romae, apud Sanctum Petrum, die sexto mensis Aprilis, anno Domini bis- millesimo primo, Pontificatus Nostri vicesimo tertio.

Josephus Peper

Secretarius Episcopalis, Johannes Hoff

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