

Diocese of Austin

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AFFIDAVIT Of Successors of the Bishop of Austin and Authority of the Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared DEACON RON WALKER, who by me being duly sworn, deposed as follows:

“I, Deacon Ron Walker, am over the age of 18 and of sound mind. I am the Chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Austin and have personal knowledge of the statements in this affidavit.

“The Code of Canon Law (as revised in 1983) is the law that governs the acquisition, administration, and disposition of the temporal goods of the Roman Catholic Church.

“Under Canon Law, the chancellor of a diocese is appointed to take care that acts of the diocese are gathered, arranged, and safeguarded in the archive of the curia (Canon 482). The chancellor is the custodian of the records for the diocese.

“Under Canon Law, dioceses, including the Diocese of Austin, are juridic persons. The person responsible for the administration of the diocese, including all its goods, is the ordinary who is more commonly known as the diocesan bishop. (Canon 1276).

“I make this affidavit regarding real property described as A CALLED 5.00 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE CALVIN BARKER SURVEY NO. 38 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN A WARRANTY DEED DATED OCTOBER 21, 1977 TO VINCENT M. HARRIS, BISHOP OF AUSTIN, AND HIS SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE, RECORDED IN VOLUME 5985, PAGE 172, DEED RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS (the Property).

“The bishop of the Diocese of Austin is the Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez, who was named by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, and who took possession of the diocese on March 8, 2010. The Most Reverend Joe S. Vásquez is the Successor to the Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond, who was the Successor to the Most Reverend John McCarthy, who was the Successor to the Most Reverend Vincent M. Harris, who was the Successor to the Most Reverend Louis J. Reicher, who was the first Bishop of the Diocese of Austin.

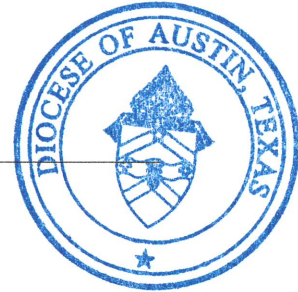
“When real property is conveyed to the bishop of a diocese, legal title to the property is taken in the name of the bishop *and his successors in office* for the benefit of the diocese, a parish or other juridic entity. A successor to that bishop later holds legal title for the same benefit.

“Based on the foregoing, the Most Reverend Joe S. Vasquez, as Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Austin has the authority to execute any and all legal instruments regarding or related to all or parts of the Property for the benefit of St. Joseph Catholic Church – Manor, Texas.”

Given this 14th day of February 2022.

R.W.K.

Deacon Ron Walker, Affiant
Chancellor, Diocese of Austin



STATE of TEXAS
COUNTY of TRAVIS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this the 14th day of February,
2022.

Janice M. Ingram

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

