

Template for Promulgation of the ERDs (2022)

(Adapted from sample promulgation form in USCCB, *The Pastoral Role of the Diocesan Bishop in Catholic Health Care Ministry* (Second Edition 2020), page 8.)

GENERAL DECREE ESTABLISHING THE __ EDITION, AND SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS OF THE *ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES* AS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE (ARCH)DIOCESE OF _____.

Mindful of the significant contribution Catholic Health Services offer as well as of my responsibility as diocesan bishop to safeguard the integrity and unity of the works of the apostolate pertaining to health care in the (Arch)diocese of _____ (cf. canons 209, 216, 222, 381, 392, 394, 678, and 747);

I, Most Reverend _____, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See (Arch)bishop of _____, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 establishing the __ edition, and subsequent editions when promulgated, of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* as particular law in the (Arch)diocese of _____.

The __ edition, and subsequent editions when promulgated, of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* are to be promulgated in accord with canon 8, §2 by publication of the text on the internet website for the (Arch)diocese of _____ (www.nameofdiocese.org) and by delivering a copy of same and a copy of this decree to the chief executive officer and the sponsors of all Catholic health care institutions located in the (Arch)diocese of _____.

The provisions of the ___ edition of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* *[AS WELL AS THE ATTACHED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ISSUED TO ASSIST THOSE SUBJECT TO THIS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE SPECIFIC SITUATIONS IDENTIFIED] shall become effective and binding within the (Arch)Diocese of _____, on _____ (month, day, year), any particular legislation, directives, or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dated this _____ day of _____, in the year of our Lord _____.

(Arch)bishop of _____

*Include if issuing supplemental local guidance or interpretations of the *Ethical and Religious Directives*.