



GENERAL DECREE ESTABLISHING THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES AS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

Mindful of my responsibility as diocesan bishop to safeguard the integrity and unity of the truths of the faith, moral principles, and ecclesiastical discipline in the works of the apostolate pertaining to health care in the Diocese of San Jose (cf. canons 392, 394, 678, and 747);

I, Most Reverend , by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of San Jose in California, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 establishing the Fifth Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services as particular law in the Diocese of San Jose.

The Fifth Edition of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services is to be promulgated in accord with canon 8, §2 by publication of the text on the Internet Website for the Diocese of San Jose (www.dsj.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 Diocese of San Jose. The provisions of the Fifth Edition of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services Bylaws shall become effective and binding within the Diocese of San Jose on April 15, 2010, any particular legislation, directives or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery Office, on this ninth day of March, in the Year of Our Lord 2010.

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Bishop of San Jose

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