

EXHIBIT “B”

STATE OF ALABAMA)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

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Jefferson County, Alabama
I certify this instrument filed on:
10/04/2007 04:09:49 PM PAMEND
Judge of Probate- Alan L. King

CERTIFICATE OF SUCCESSION AS CORPORATION SOLE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, has certified and filed with me, the Secretary of the State of Alabama, his Application for Certificate of Succession as Corporation Sole, pursuant to and in keeping with the provisions of Section 10-4-5, of the 1975 *Code of Alabama*. Said application sets forth that the Most Reverend Joseph G. Vath, who was the first Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama became a corporation sole under the name of "The Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole" in keeping with the laws of the State of Alabama for such cases made and provided; that Bishop Vath died on July 14, 1987; that Most Reverend Raymond J. Boland served as successor bishop and as successor corporation sole of the Diocese from March 29, 1989 until September 14, 1993, at which time he resigned so as to become Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri; that on September 14, 1993, the Secretary of State of Alabama issued a Certificate of Administratorship of said corporation sole to Reverend Brian Egan, and he served as Administrator of said Diocese and said corporation sole until May 13, 1994; that Most Reverend David E. Foley served as successor bishop and as successor corporation sole of the Diocese from May 13, 1994 until May 10, 2005, at which time his previously offered retirement was accepted; that on May 19, 2005 the Secretary of State of Alabama issued a Certificate of Administratorship of said corporation sole to Bishop Foley, and he has served as Administrator of said Diocese and said corporation sole until the present date.

Bishop Baker having further certified and filed with me, the Secretary of State of the State

of Alabama, formal notice that he, Bishop Baker, is the successor to the said Bishop Foley in the bishopric of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama; that he was officially appointed to be the Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama on the 14th day of August, 2007, by virtue of and in accordance with the document issued by Pope Benedict XVI, which is attached as Exhibit A to his said application; that said Exhibit A is an abstract in English of the substance of the document evidencing his appointment and right to the succession; that Exhibit B attached to said Application is the Recognitio signed by the Diocesan Consultors and by the Adjutant Judicial Vicar, whereby they acknowledged receipt of the said document labelled Exhibit A, regarding Bishop Baker's appointment; and that Bishop Baker was duly and officially installed as the Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama on the 2nd day of October, 2007 in the Cathedral of St. Paul, Birmingham, Alabama, and;

Bishop Baker's said application has been subscribed and sworn to and certified as provided for in cases of original applications for incorporation of a Bishop of a Diocese. A copy of said Application is attached to this Certificate.

NOW THEREFORE, this is to certify that the said Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, as Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, shall, and does hereby, succeed the said Most Reverend David E. Foley, the immediate prior Catholic Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, in the corporation known as the "Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole".

This Certificate of Succession is accordingly issued to the Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, as the Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, and he is hereby invested with all of the powers of the original incorporator of the said corporation sole, to-wit, those invested in the late Bishop Joseph G. Vath, as the original incorporator, and subsequently

invested in Bishops Raymond J. Boland and David E. Foley, as successor corporations sole. Henceforth, the Most Reverend Robert J. Baker is hereby officially certified as the "Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama, a corporation sole."

The Administratorship of the Most Reverend David E. Foley for said corporation sole has accordingly expired, and it is hereby terminated, as of this date.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Alabama, at Montgomery, Alabama, on this 3 day of October, 2007.

Beth Chapman ^{SW}

BETH CHAPMAN
SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA



BENEDICT
BISHOP
SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

TO THE VENERABLE BROTHER ROBERT JOSEPH BAKER, UNTIL NOW BISHOP OF CHARLESTON AND, AT THIS TIME, APPOINTED ORDINARY OF BIRMINGHAM, GREETINGS AND APOSTOLIC BLESSING.

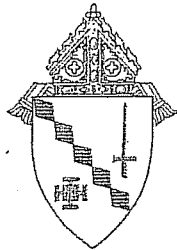
WE, WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN THE PLACE OF THE APOSTLE PETER, MUST PROVIDE SUITABLY FOR THE BELOVED DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM, SINCE, ALREADY FOR SOME TIME, IT HAS NEEDED A BISHOP, OWING TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE VENERABLE BROTHER DAVID EDWARD FOLEY. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU, VENERABLE BROTHER, WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO US BECAUSE OF THE FULFILLMENT OF YOUR EPISCOPAL SERVICE IN THE RATHER LARGE COMMUNITY OF CHARLESTON, SEEMED SUITABLE TO US FOR UNDERTAKING THIS OFFICE AND FOR CARRYING IT OUT IN A FRUITFUL MANNER.

THEREFORE, ACCEPTING THE OPINION OF THE CONGREGATION FOR BISHOPS, FROM THE FULLNESS OF OUR APOSTOLIC AUTHORITY, WE RELEASE YOU FROM THE BOND OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON, AND WE CONFIDENTLY APPOINT YOU BISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM, AT THE SAME TIME CONFERRING UPON YOU THE RIGHTS AND IMPOSING THE OBLIGATIONS CONNECTED WITH THIS OFFICE, ACCORDING TO THE LAWS AND NORMS OF THE CHURCH. INDEED, WE MANDATE THAT YOU TAKE CARE TO BRING THIS LETTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CLERGY AND THE PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE NOW ENTRUSTED TO YOU, AND WE EXHORT THEM TO RECEIVE YOU WITH A JOYFUL SPIRIT AND TO REMAIN IN COMMUNION WITH YOU.

FINALLY, VENERABLE BROTHER, ENRICHED BY YOUR FORMER PASTORAL EXPERIENCE AND SUSTAINED BY HELP FROM ON HIGH, ZEALOUSLY APPLY ALL YOUR ENERGY TO THIS NEW MINISTRY, SO THAT THIS ECCLESIAL COMMUNITY, UNDER THE INTERCESSION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, WILL BE FAVORED WITH AS MANY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS AS POSSIBLE.

GIVEN AT ROME, AT SAINT PETER'S, ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE
MONTH OF AUGUST, IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SEVEN, THE THIRD OF OUR
PONTIFICATE.

POPE BENEDICT XVI



DIocese OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

"A BISHOP TAKES CANONICAL POSSESSION OF A DIOCESE WHEN HE PERSONALLY OR THROUGH A PROXY HAS SHOWN THE APOSTOLIC LETTER IN THE SAME DIOCESE TO THE COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CURIA, WHO RECORDS THE EVENT..."

(CODE OF CANON LAW, CANON 328 SECTION 3)



WITH GRATITUDE TO THE MOST HOLY AND BLESSED TRINITY, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT,
WE, THE CONSULTORS OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA,
SOLEMNLY TESTIFY TO HAVING SEEN,
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MOST REVEREND PIETRO SAMBI, APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
AND THE MOST REVEREND OSCAR J. LIPSCOMB, D.D., METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF MOBILE,
THE APOSTOLIC LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI
APPOINTING THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT J. BAKER, S.T.D.
AS FOURTH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

AS WITNESSES BY OUR HANDS, THE COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS:

Michael F. Sexton

REVEREND MONSIGNOR MICHAEL F. SEXTON, SENIOR CONSULTOR

J. Thomas Ackerman

REVEREND J. THOMAS ACKERMAN

Gregory T. Bittner

REVEREND GREGORY T. BITTNER, J.C.L.

Joseph G. Culotta

REVEREND JOSEPH G. CULOTTA

Richard E. Donohue

VERY REVEREND RICHARD E. DONOHUE

Raymond Dunmyer

REVEREND RAYMOND DUNMYER

John Fallon

REVEREND JOHN FALLON

Gerald Holloway

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Bryan K. Lowe

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Paul L. Rohling

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ON THIS, THE SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN
MEMORIAL OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, STATE OF ALABAMA.

Kevin M. Bazzel

REVEREND KEVIN M. BAZZEL, J.C.L.
ADJUTANT JUDICIAL VICAR AND ECCLESIASTICAL NOTARY
DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM IN ALABAMA

