

  
ARCHDIOCESE OF MILWAUKEE  
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June 4, 2007

His Eminence, Claudio Cardinal Hummes, O.F.M., Prefect  
Congregation for the Clergy  
Piazza Pio XII 3  
00193 Rome, Italy

Your Eminence:

As Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, U.S.A., I respectfully request permission to proceed with the alienation of property owned by this same Archdiocese. The alienation will involve the transfer of assets from the patrimony of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to a separate juridic person, an autonomous pious foundation known as The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust.

The Trust was established by my decree on May 4, 2007 after a number of years of extensive study and consultation. Both the College of Consultors and the Finance Council gave their approval to the establishment of this Trust. Copies of the establishment decree and the statutes governing the Trust are enclosed. A separate civil trust will also be established in accord with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

Having reviewed the financial condition of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and studied the funds which are part of its patrimony, I am in a position to present for consideration the transfer of some restricted diocesan assets to this Trust. The specific fund to be transferred is that which covers the perpetual care needs of the Catholic cemeteries owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The transfer of these assets to the Trust would bring with it the transfer of this same obligation and restriction. By transferring these assets to the Trust, I foresee an improved protection of these funds from any legal claim and liability. A careful analysis by experts has concluded that the funds currently held for perpetual care needs are sufficient for the long-term use by the Catholic cemeteries. The value of the fund to be transferred was \$56,943,983.35 as of December 31, 2006.

Consent to this transfer of assets has been obtained from the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Archdiocesan College of Consultors. Minutes attesting to their action are also enclosed.

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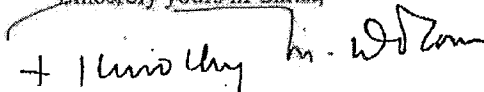
The Congregation for Education granted a previous permission for an act of extraordinary administration in relation to St. Francis Seminary in 1988 (Protocol no. 747/88/4). Four permissions for alienation by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee have been granted by the Congregation for Clergy in recent years: St. Aemilian Home (Protocol no. 185669/III), Catholic Memorial High School (Protocol no. 190062/III), St. John School for the Deaf (Protocol no. 190072/III), St. Charles Boys' Home (Protocol Number 186280/III). An additional permission for alienation involving debt forgiveness for St. Francis Seminary was granted by the Congregation (Protocol no. 20010143). Most recently, a canon 1295 transaction involving Pius XI High School was granted by the Congregation in December 2003 (Prot. No. 20032461).

A copy of the most recent financial statement for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is also enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If there is additional information which you need, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With prayerful best wishes and sentiments of esteem, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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