

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Whereas, in chapter three hundred and ninety of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four, it is provided that the Roman Catholic Bishop of the diocese of Fall River and his successors in office shall be and are made a body, politic and corporation sole, under the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River,

And Whereas, it is further provided in said act that the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River shall within six months after the passage of said act, make, sign and swear to a statement setting forth that he lawfully and regularly holds the office of Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River, and that he accepts the provisions of said act and will duly conform to them, which statement he shall submit to the Commissioner of Corporations,

And Whereas, it is further provided in said act that said statement shall be submitted to the Commissioner of Corporations for his certification and approval, and thereafter shall be filed by the person making the same in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for record, who shall thereupon issue a certificate to the person making such statement, reciting said act, the substance of the statement aforesaid, and that the said Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River and his successors are legally established as and are made an existing corporation under the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River.

And Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of said act, William Stang, on the twentieth day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and four and within six months after the passage of said act, did make, sign, swear to, and on the twenty-second day of July in said year did file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth a statement setting forth that he, the said William Stang lawfully and regularly holds the office of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River, and that he accepts the provisions of said act and will duly conform to them, which statement has been duly certified and approved by the Commissioner of Corporations, by his endorsement thereon, as required by said act:

Now, therefore, William Stang, Secretary of the Commonwealth, under and pursuant to the authority of said act, do hereby certify that the said William Stang, the present Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River and his successors in office are legally established as and are made an existing corporation under the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereto.

Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereunto affixed this twenty-second day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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foresaid, and that the said Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River and his successors
are legally established as and are made an existing corporation under the name of
the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River.

And Whereas, pursuant to the provisions of said act, William Stang, on the twenty-
ninth day of June, in the year nineteen hundred and four and within six months
after the passage of said act, did make, sign, swear to, and on the twenty-second day of
July in said year did file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth a state-
ment setting forth that he, the said William Stang lawfully and regularly holds
the office of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River and that he accepts the provisions of said
act and will duly conform to them, which statement has been duly certified and approved
by the Commissioner of Corporations, by his endorsement thereon, as required by said act:

Now, therefore, William M. Oliver, Secretary of the Commonwealth, under, and pursuant to the
authority of said act, do hereby certify that the said William Stang, the present Roman Cath-
olic Bishop of Fall River, and his successors in office are legally established as and are made an
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Witness my official signature hereunto subscribed, and the
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unto affixed this twenty-second day of July, in the
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Witness

Wm. M. Oliver

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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