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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

(General Laws, Chapter 180)

ARTICLE I

The exact name of the corporation is: **Voice of the Faithful, Inc.**

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in the following activities:

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The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or a corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue law) (hereafter the "Code"), and, more specifically, to provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church; support survivors of abuse by Catholic priests; support clergy of integrity; shape structural change in the Church; aid Catholic growth by providing a voice for the people of the Catholic Church; provide opportunities and resources for religious education of the Faithful in the doctrines, traditions and customs of the Catholic Church; develop recommendations from the laity for the sound administration of the Church; promote the establishment of representative democratic institutions by which the sense of the Faithful may be articulated to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church; provide opportunities for prayer and worship consistent with Voice of the Faithful's purposes; collaborate with clergy and hierarchy for the greater good of the Catholic Church; speak out and demand accountability and reform of the institutional structures that led to the sexual abuse of children by clergy and its coverup; and, to do any and all things permitted by a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except that, if the

corporation so elects, it may make such expenditures in conformity with Section 501(h) of the Code) and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

(a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE III

A corporation may have one or more classes of members. If it does, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointments, the duration of membership and the qualification and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, may be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation or may be set forth below:

n/a

ARTICLE IV

**Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, educational, or such other exempt purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or to a federal, state, or local government body to be used for exclusively public purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE V

The by-laws of the corporation have been duly adopted and the initial directors, president, treasurer and clerk or other presiding, financial or recording officers, whose names are set out on the following page, have been duly elected.

**If there are no provisions, state "None".

Note: The preceding four (4) articles are considered to be permanent and may only be changed by filing appropriate Articles of Amendment.

ARTICLE VI

The effective date of organization of the corporation shall be the date approved and filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

If a *later* effective date is desired, specify such date which shall not be more than *thirty days* after the date of filing.

ARTICLE VII

The information contained in Article VII is not a permanent part of the Articles of Organization.

a. The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the principal office of the corporation *in Massachusetts* is: [1191 Chestnut Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02464-1351](#)

b. The name, residential address and post office address of each director and officer of the corporation is as follows:

NAME RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS POST OFFICE ADDRESS

President: [SEE ATTACHED OFFICER AND DIRECTOR RIDER](#)

Treasurer:

Clerk:

Directors:

(or officers
having the
powers of
directors)

c. The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on the last day of the month of: [December](#)

d. The name and business address of the resident agent, if any, of the corporation is:

I/We, the below signed incorporator(s), do hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that I/we have not been convicted of any crimes relating to alcohol or gaming within the past ten years. I/We do hereby further certify that to the best of my/our knowledge the above-named officers have not been similarly convicted. If so convicted, explain.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF AND UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I/we, whose signature(s) appear below as incorporator(s) and whose name(s) and business or residential address(es) *are clearly typed or printed* beneath each signature, do hereby associate with the intention of forming this corporation under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 180 and do hereby sign these Articles of Organization as incorporator(s) this _____ day of [June](#), 2002 _____,

[James E. Muller, M.D.](#)
[1191 Chestnut Street](#)
[Newton, Massachusetts 02464-1351](#)

Note: If an existing corporation is acting as incorporator, type in the exact name of the corporation, the state or other jurisdiction where it was incorporated, the name of the person signing on behalf of said corporation and the title he/she holds or other authority by which such action is taken.