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Overview

Chapter 12 provides a summary of various nonprofit organizations and entities that are located within the territory of or related to the Archdiocese and subject to the canonical oversight of the Archbishop. This summary is not intended to be all inclusive, but rather intended to provide background into some of the more integral organizations and entities that support the mission of the Church in northern Colorado. Among these integral Ecclesiastical Organizations and entities are the following:

- The Management Corporation
- Camp St. Malo Religious Retreat and Conference Center, Inc.
- Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.
- Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary
- The Redemptoris Mater House of Formation
- The Mount Olivet Cemetery Association
- Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary at Mount Olivet, Inc.
- St. Simeon Cemetery Association
- The John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization
- Seeds of Hope Endowment Charitable Trust
- Bishop Machebeuf High School, Inc. and Holy Family High School, Inc.
- Family of Nazareth, Inc.
- Archdiocese of Denver Welfare Benefits Trust
- Archdiocese of Denver Irrevocable Revolving Fund Trust
- Archdiocese of Denver Cemeteries Perpetual Care Trust
- Archdiocese of Denver Risk Management and Property / Casualty Insurance Trust
- Archdiocese of Denver Lay Employees' Money Purchase Pension Plan
- Archdiocese of Denver Priest Pension Plan, the Post Retirement Health Care Fund and the Priest Special Needs Fund

12.1. The Archdiocese of Denver Management Corporation

Established by the Archbishop as a public juridic person and a Colorado nonprofit corporation in 1999, The Archdiocese of Denver Management Corporation (the Management Corp) provides a broad range of business and financial services to the Archdiocese, to the parishes in the territory of the Archdiocese and to certain Ecclesiastical Organizations. Pursuant to service agreements, the Management Corp provides financial, payroll, accounting, real estate, risk management, construction, human resources and other management services. The Management Corp also acts as custodian, plan administrator, and manager of the Archdiocese of Denver Welfare Benefits Trust, serves as settlor of the Archdiocese of Denver Irrevocable Revolving Fund Trust, serves as the designated manager of investments owned by participating entities in the Archdiocese of Denver Master Trust and Preneed Master Trust, and provides services to the Archdiocese of Denver Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust and the Archdiocese of Denver Risk Management and Property/Casualty Trust.

12.2. **Camp St. Malo Religious Retreat and Conference Center, Inc.**

Camp St. Malo Religious Retreat and Conference Center, Inc. (Camp St. Malo) was established by the Archbishop as a public juridic person and incorporated as a Colorado nonprofit corporation in 1996. Located south of Estes Park, the mission of Camp St. Malo is guided by the teachings of the Church and the Second Vatican Council. Camp St. Malo provides, in the beauty of God's creation, a serene and contemplative setting for spiritual growth for Catholic adults and families, as well as for people of other religious traditions. Camp St. Malo fosters opportunities to reflect on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its application to daily life. It encourages all visitors to renew their spiritual lives through education, prayer, holy simplicity, solitude and silence. An operating agreement was entered into in 2003 with the Sodalitium Christianae Vitae (SCV), a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right, and with The Christian Life Movement, Inc. (CLM), a Colorado nonprofit corporation, to further the goals of hosting and supervising seminars, retreats, conferences, workshops, meetings and classes that promote the teachings and ministry of the Church.

12.3. **Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.**

Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver (Catholic Charities) was established as a Colorado nonprofit corporation in 1928 and as a public juridic person in 1992. Catholic Charities is operated for the purpose of carrying out the social mission of the Roman Catholic Church in the territory of the Archdiocese. Catholic Charities follows the magisterium of the Catholic Church and is administered according to the doctrinal, moral, and social teachings of the Church as interpreted and proclaimed by the Archbishop. Catholic Charities extends the healing ministry of Christ to the poor and those in need throughout northern Colorado. It serves nearly 100,000 people annually, at every stage of life, through over 40 ministries focused on compassion, healing, and hope.

12.4. **Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary**

Established as a Colorado nonprofit corporation and as a public juridic person in 1999, Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary (SJV) maintains and operates educational programs for seminarians, deacons and adult lay faithful. Included in its academic programs are students from The Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary as well as students from other dioceses. Other programs at SJV include the diaconate formation program, the Biblical School and the Catechetical School, assisted by the Cardinal Stafford Theological Library. SJV is affiliated with the Pontifical Lateran University, which grants baccalaureate degrees in philosophy and theology, and it has a memorandum of agreement with Regis University, which grants a baccalaureate degree in philosophy to those students who enter seminary formation without an undergraduate degree.

12.5. **The Redemptoris Mater House of Formation**

Established in 1996 as a Colorado nonprofit corporation and as a public juridic person, The Redemptoris Mater House of Formation (Redemptoris Mater Seminary) is located on the grounds of the John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization. It was established in response to the renewal precipitated by the Second Vatican Council, which recognized the need to help regions with scarcity of clergy and recommended “the creation of international seminaries for the good of the whole Church according to the norms to be established and respecting the rights of the local Ordinary.” The priests being formed at Redemptoris Mater Seminary attend academic classes at Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary, and are under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop. Upon ordination, the Archbishop may assign a priest to serve within the Archdiocese, or may send priests to serve in other dioceses of the world at the request of other bishops. Formation at Redemptoris Mater Seminary is united to the life and practice of the Neocatechumenal Way.

12.6. **The Mount Olivet Cemetery Association**

Established in 1891 and blessed on September 25, 1892 as a sacred burial space for the Archdiocese, the Mount Olivet Cemetery is a public juridic person and a Colorado nonprofit corporation located in west Denver. Since its blessing, over 130,000 people have been buried on its grounds. It serves as a majestic and historical symbol of Catholic faith in northern Colorado. According to the Catholic Church, two places are considered sacred: the physical worship space and a Catholic cemetery. It is of importance to the Church that proper reverence be afforded to the body, not only in life, but also in death. Mount Olivet Cemetery’s purpose is to serve as a cemetery or place of sepulture for deceased members of the Church and others, and to support the religious burial practices of the Archdiocese and the Church.

12.7. **Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary at Mount Olivet, Inc. (the Mortuary)**

Established in 1981, the Mortuary is a public juridic person and Colorado nonprofit corporation committed to serving the Church as a symbol of the community of faith unbroken by death. The Mortuary began offering funeral services to the Catholic community of northern Colorado to ensure that proper dignity would be provided to the beloved dead and their grieving families. It is of significant importance to the Church that the body be afforded proper reverence, not only in life, but also in death. Since its establishment, the Mortuary has served the Church and her people by being a modern instrument in this ancient and sacred ministry. Located on the grounds of Mount Olivet Cemetery, the Mortuary provides full funeral services to members of the Church and to others.

12.8. **St. Simeon Cemetery Association**

Established in 2000 as a Colorado nonprofit corporation and public juridic person, St. Simeon Cemetery Association (St. Simeon Cemetery) serves the burial needs of the Catholic community in Denver's eastern metropolitan area. St. Simeon Cemetery was blessed on April 22, 2004 by Archbishop Chaput, and was the culmination of several years of careful planning directed at bringing a Catholic cemetery to the growing, east metro Denver region. As with Mount Olivet Cemetery, St. Simeon Cemetery's purpose is to serve as a cemetery or place of sepulture for deceased members of the Church and others, and to adhere to and support the religious burial practices of the Church. By burying the dead and comforting the bereaved, St. Simeon Cemetery assists the faithful with looking beyond earthly existence, thereby deepening faith in eternal salvation and life everlasting.

12.9. **The John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization**

Established in 1996, The John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization (JPII Center) is a Colorado nonprofit corporation and a public juridic person. The JPII Center provides Catholics with a gathering place for meetings, media education, marriage preparation classes, liturgies and classroom instruction in Scripture and Church doctrine. In addition, the John Paul II Center houses the Archdiocese's Catholic Pastoral Center, the Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary, The Redemptoris Mater House of Formation Seminary and the Cardinal Stafford Library. The purpose of The John Paul II Center is to create, develop and maintain a spiritual, educational and communal center named in honor of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, that will fulfill and effectuate the goals and aspirations of the Roman Catholic Church. In addition, The John Paul II Center maintains and operates the real and personal property located at 1300 South Steele Street, Denver, Colorado .

12.10. Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust

Established by the Archbishop in 1996, the Seeds of Hope Charitable Trust is intended to foster an alliance between the business community of northern Colorado and the Archdiocese. The primary purpose of the Trust is to develop financial resources to strengthen Catholic educational opportunities for children with economic need in inner city Denver. Children in other economically disadvantaged areas of the Archdiocese also benefit from the Trust. The Trust provides grants to parishes for tuition assistance for students as well as to parishes for programming, information, and equipment for Catholic schools in the inner city of Denver and other economically disadvantaged areas within the Archdiocese.

12.11. Bishop Machebeuf High School, Inc. and Holy Family High School, Inc.

Bishop Machebeuf High School, Inc. and Holy Family High School, Inc. were established in 1999 as Colorado nonprofit corporations. The purpose of each school includes providing for a high school education that is in conformity with the teachings of the Church through the provision of suitable faculty, programs and facilities. The high schools are required to follow the Catholic school administrative guidelines contained in Chapter 4 of this Handbook.

12.12. Family of Nazareth, Inc.

Established in 1998, the Family of Nazareth is a Colorado nonprofit corporation that primarily supports the work of the New Evangelization and all persons connected with the mission of the Neocatechumenal Way of the Church within the Archdiocese. Since 1998, the Family of Nazareth has procured real and personal properties as deemed necessary to carry out the missionary work of the New Evangelization.

12.13. Archdiocese of Denver Welfare Benefits Trust

The Archdiocese of Denver Welfare Benefits Trust (Benefits Trust) was established in 1999 for the accumulation of funds, and the administration and distribution of contributions made by the Archdiocese, the participating Ecclesiastical Organizations and parishes, and their employee participants so as to provide medical, dental and other healthcare benefits for the participating employers, employees and their dependents within the Archdiocese. The Benefits Trust administers various health and welfare programs for the participants, including medical care plans, prescription drug plans, dental care plans, and long-term disability plans. Voluntary plans offered to qualified participants include pension plans, tax deferral annuity and life and accident insurance plans. The Management Corp., as plan administrator, is assisted by an advisory committee to support in the general administration of the Plan.

12.14. Archdiocese of Denver Irrevocable Revolving Fund Trust

Established in 1999, the Archdiocese of Denver Irrevocable Revolving Fund Trust (the Revolving Fund Trust) calls upon parishes to help one another both spiritually and financially. The Archdiocese Revolving Fund Trust was established to help carry out this mission. The Revolving Fund Trust holds title to the assets of the Trust. However, the equitable and beneficial ownership of the assets of the Trust belong to, and are owned by, each parish and other Catholic organizations participating in the Revolving Fund Trust pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Trust Agreement. A third-party financial institution is the trustee. The Management Corp is responsible for determining the terms and conditions upon which the Trustee may advance monies for loans to borrowers and rates paid to depositors. The Management Corp has sole responsibility for performing all actions necessary to manage the loans and deposits held in the Trust. The Irrevocable Revolving Fund Management Committee (the Committee), established by the Management Corp, advises the Management Corp as to: the appropriate rates of interest to be charged to borrowers and paid to depositors; on the approval or denial of loan requests submitted to the Trust; and on oversight and management of the Trust.

12.15. The Archdiocese of Denver Cemeteries Perpetual Care Trust

This Trust was established to receive, maintain, administer, and distribute funds to be used for the administration, management, investment, and disbursement of a perpetual endowment fund devoted to maintaining, preserving and improving the facilities, structures, landscaping, grounds, and gravesites located within either Mount Olivet Cemetery or St. Simeon Cemetery or place of sepulture for deceased members of the Church within the Archdiocese.

12.16. Archdiocese of Denver Risk Management and Property/Casualty Trust

Established in 1998, the Archdiocese of Denver Risk Management and Property/Casualty Trust (the Trust) provides funds for the risk management program for the Archdiocese, the parishes within the territory of the Archdiocese, and the Ecclesiastical Organizations. The risk management program is administered by the Management Corp (through the Director of Risk Management) to provide property and casualty insurance at affordable costs; to provide education and consultation in the areas of public safety, environmental protection, and risk management; to provide a self-insurance fund to pay uninsured claims; and, to provide the administration required to support the program. The Director of Risk Management must be contacted to review specific coverage questions, review leases, certificates of insurance, the cost of insurance, and to report property or bodily injury claims. Business administrators and senior personnel of each participating parish and Ecclesiastical Organization in the Trust insurance program should be familiar with the nature and extent of the insurance provided by the Archdiocesan insurance program. Periodic changes and adjustments in insurance coverage are promulgated to participating parishes and Ecclesiastical Organizations through the Risk Management and Insurance Manual. This insurance program includes: property insurance, builders' risk insurance, general liability, automobile insurance, crime coverage, workers' compensation, umbrella liability, and directors and officers' liability.

12.17. Archdiocese of Denver Lay Employees' Money Purchase Pension Plan

The Lay Employees' Money Purchase Pension Plan (the Plan) is a defined contribution plan sponsored by the Archdiocese. The Plan's assets are separately maintained in trust for Plan beneficiaries. Third-party administrators of the Plan collect and invest contributions, as directed by the employee participants, in accordance with Plan provisions. The Archdiocese, the parishes of northern Colorado, and related participating Ecclesiastical Organizations contribute 6% of their participants' eligible annual compensation into the Plan for their qualifying employees. The Plan Administrator is the Archdiocese. The Archbishop has appointed an Advisory Committee to assist the Plan Administrator in its general administration of the Plan. Duties of the Advisory Committee include managing the Plan, interpreting the Plan provisions, and recommending any changes to the Plan. The Trustee for the Plan is a third-party financial institution.

12.18. Archdiocese of Denver Priest Pension Plan and Related Funds

The priests' pension plan, and the priests' post retirement health care fund and the priests' special needs fund (Plan and Funds) are separately maintained by the Archdiocese, in trust, for the respective beneficiaries. The Plan and Funds are funded by contributions from various participating entities, which include the Archdiocese, parishes located within northern Colorado and related Ecclesiastical Organizations. The Plan Administrator is the Archdiocese. The Archbishop has appointed an Advisory Committee to assist the Plan Administrator with general administration of the Plan. The Trustee for the Pension Plan and the other Funds is currently a third-party financial institution.