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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH INCORPORATION AND VESTING ACT

WHEREAS on the 4th day of July 1971 the Diocese of Roseau was divided and a new Diocese of St. John's-Basseterre was set up comprising the Islands of Anguilla, Antigua, Barbuda and Redonda, St. Christopher and Nevis, Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands with a Bishop styled as the Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre;

AND WHEREAS real property has from time to time been acquired by and on behalf of the parishioners;

AND WHEREAS on the acquisition of such real property the land registers thereof and other evidence of title thereto were usually entered up in the name of the Bishop of Roseau or of the minister for the time being of the Church;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to incorporate the Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre as a corporation sole and to vest in such corporation the real and personal property acquired in Anguilla for and on behalf of the Roman Catholic parishioners in Anguilla;

Incorporation of the Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre

1. The Right Reverend Donald James Reece, D.D. the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre and his successors in office shall be and is hereby constituted a corporation under the style and title of the "Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre" with perpetual succession and a common seal and authority by that corporate name to sue and be sued, to acquire and hold real and personal property in Anguilla with the power to sell, mortgage, alienate or lease the property.

Vesting of property

2. All real and personal property in Anguilla now held or vested in the Bishop of Roseau or held by or vested in any person or persons on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church Parishioners in Anguilla is hereby transferred to and vested in the Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre and his successors and assigns for the same estates and interests and to the extent to which they were respectively on 29th September, 1998 held or vested as aforesaid subject to the rights, reservations and charges (if any) now affecting the same and the trusts upon which the same are now held.

Powers of the corporation

3. The Bishop of St. John's-Basseterre shall for the purposes of section 1 have the following powers—

(a) to acquire, hold, purchase, receive, lease, possess and enjoy any lands or hereditaments whatsoever in fee simple, leasehold or for any other estate or interest and all property real, personal or mixed;

(b) to give, grant, let, charge, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, sell, convey, assign, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any of the property both present and future so held or vested or any part thereof;

(c) to borrow, raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by the issue of debentures or scrip charged upon all or any of the

property (both present and future) held by or vested in the Corporation and to redeem and pay off any such securities;

(d) to appoint an attorney or attorneys for such time and purposes and with such powers as may be stated in the instrument of appointment and to revoke any such appointment and to confer on any such attorney or attorneys appointed as aforesaid power to appoint a substitute in his or their stead.

Saving for Crown and other rights

4. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors or any body politic or corporate or any other person or persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, through or under them.

Citation

5. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Church Incorporation and Vesting Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter R75.