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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT:

CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY

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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$87.50

Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate

FROM:

**REV. VIRGINIA D. SHARPE** 

323 N. BLUE LAKE TERRACE

DELAND, FL 32724

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

(FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION)

These Articles of Incorporation are drafted pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Not for Profit Act, Florida Statutes, wherein the following is stated:

## **ARTICLE 1**

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be the CHAPEL OF DIVINE MERCY, INC.

## **ARTICLE II**

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business shall be 329 Old Daytona Road, DeLand, FL. 32724 and the mailing address of this corporation shall be 323 N. Blue Lake Terrace, DeLand, FL. 32724.

## **ARTICLE III**

# **PURPOSE**

The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized shall be solely for general religious and charitable purposes.

- A. For the worship of God, the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and celebration of the Sacraments; to effect Christian fellowship and unity within this Church and the Church Universal; to render loving service toward mankind and to strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.
- B. For the advancement of religion, charity, education, and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- C. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious, charitable, and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

## **ARTICLE IV**

#### DURATION

The term of this corporation shall be in perpetuity.

### **ARTICLE V**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS / MANNER OF ELECTION

- A. The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, initially comprised of three (3) Directors. The number of Directors may be enlarged at the discretion of the Board of Directors, but shall never exceed twelve (12).
- B. New Directors shall be nominated by current Directors and shall be elected to that office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the current Directors. New Directors shall normally take office at the annual meeting, however, through a majority vote of the current Directors, they may be installed at a different time.
- C. All actions taken by the Board of Directors shall be a vote of simple majority, unless otherwise indicated.
- D. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board shall, individually or collectively, consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of this Corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

## **ARTICLE VI**

# EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Article III hereof.

- B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

# DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon 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 of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, or religious purposes as could, at the time, qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

# AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not-for-Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporation action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the Corporation, the By-Laws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be adopted, by following the procedure set forth therefore in the By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE X**

## AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to this Certificate may be proposed by a resolution and adopted by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

#### ARTICLE XI

## LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this Corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, except that the amount of real estate which the Corporation shall hold shall not exceed one million (\$1,000,000.00) Dollars.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

# ORIGINAL DIRECTORS / OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the Directors and Officers for these articles of incorporation are:

WILLIAM G. SHARPE, 323 N. Blue Lake Terrace, DeLand, Florida, 32724, President

MICHAEL P. SHARPE, 3414 BlackWillow Trail, DeLand, Florida, 32724, Vice-President

VIRGINIA D. SHARPE, 323 N.Blue Lake Terrace, DeLand, Florida, 32724, Secretary-Treasurer

#### **ARTICLE XIII**

# INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is Virginia D. Sharpe, 323 N. Blue Lake Terrace, DeLand, FL 32724.

# **ARTICLE XIV**

# **INITIAL INCORPORATOR**

The name and the street address of the Incorporator is William G. Sharpe, 323 N. Blue Lake Terrace, DeLand, FL. 32724.

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| Having been named as registered agent to a     | accept service of process for the above st | ated corporation at the place designated in this |
| certificate, I am familiar with and accept the | appointment as registered agent and agro   | ee to act in this capacity.                      |
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| Signature/Incorporator                         |  | Date   |
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