



TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: The Refuge of Saint Benedict Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

\$70.00  
Filing Fee

\$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

\$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

\$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: William S. Rutherford  
Name (Printed or typed)

704 North Chestnut Road  
Address

Lakeland, Florida 33811  
City, State & Zip

863-686-7571  
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Articles of Incorporation

The Refuge of Saint Benedict Incorporated  
A Corporation Not For Profit

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a Non-Profit Corporation under Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adapt the following proposed Articles of Incorporation.

Article I: Name

The name of this corporation shall be: The Refuge of Saint Benedict Incorporated

Article II: Principal Office

Principal place of business shall be 704 N. Chestnut Road, Lakeland, Polk County, Florida 33815.

Article III: Purpose

The Corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- A. The Corporation is organized exclusively for Charitable purposes.
- B. To offer Spiritual Ministry to all or any who request Spiritual Guidance.
- C. To reach out Domestically and in Foreign Fields doing Missionary work.
- D. To construct a Retreat Facility in Lakeland, Florida, for the main purpose of ministering to many people, families, and groups.

Article IV: Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are appointed or elected:

The President of the governing body appoints the directors to serve on the Board. The Powers of the Corporation shall be subject to and shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

Article V: Initial Directors/Officers

The affairs of the Organization shall be managed by a board of three (3) directors.

The names and addresses of initial directors are as follows.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. William S. Rutherford President	704 North Chestnut Road Lakeland, Florida 33815
2. Amor Rutherford Vice President	704 North Chestnut Road Lakeland, Florida 33815
3. Susan K. Sauls Secretary/Treasurer	5029 Greenbrook Lane Lakeland, Florida 33811

Article VI: Dissolution of Organization

The Assets of the Organization (The Refuge of Saint Benedict Incorporated), will be permanently dedicated to the following exempt purpose in the event of Organizations dissolution.

St. Joseph Catholic Church - Lakeland, Fl

Article VII: The Initial Registered Agent

William S. Rutherford  
704 North Chestnut Road, Lakeland, Florida 33815

Article VIII: The Incorporator

Name and Address of the Incorporator:

William S. Rutherford / 704 North Chestnut Road, Lakeland, Florida 33815

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

W.S. Rutherford  
Signature/Registered Agent

3/24/03  
Date

W.S. Rutherford  
Signature/Incorporator

3/24/03  
Date

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