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#### UNA VOCE OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA

324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane Jacksonville, Florida 32259

August 16, 2004

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

Una Voce of Northeast Florida is filing the attached Articles of Incorporation as a nonprofit corporation in accordance with Chapter 617.0202, Florida Statutes.

We are including a check for \$52.50 to cover the filing fee (\$35.00) and the cost of two certified copies of the Articles. Our return address is

Una Voce of Northeast Florida 324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane Jacksonville, FL 32259

If there are any questions, please contact us at 904/287-6470.

Sincerely,

Mollie Garcia

President

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF UNA VOCE OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA, INC.

The Board of Directors of Una Voce of Northeast Florida, Inc., as permitted by, and in accordance with, s. 617.1007, Florida Statutes, hereby adopt these Articles of Incorporation of Una Voce of Northeast Florida, Inc. as follows:

#### Article 1 Name and Seal of Corporation

Section 1.00-- The name of the Corporation shall be Una Voce of Northeast Florida, Inc. (hereinafter "Corporation" or "UVNFL").

	Article 2		
	Principal Place of Business	2	∑s
Section 2.00 The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is:		SEB	
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Mailing Address:	324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane	3: 16	: <b>∃</b> ≓

# Article 3

**Principal Purpose** 

Jacksonville, Florida 32259

Section 3.00- The principal purpose of the Corporation shall be to 1) promote the beauty, heritage, and tradition of the Latin Indult Mass of the Roman Catholic Church in accordance with His Holiness Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter Ecclesia Dei 2) promote the celebration of all Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church under the Liturgical Books in use in 1962 for all those who want them 3) encourage and promote greater lay understanding and use of ecclesiastical Latin, the official language of the Roman Catholic Church 4) to develop and provide appropriate educational programs, materials, and activities concerning, but not limited to, the Tridentine form of the Roman Catholic Mass, the Sacraments according to the Liturgical Books of 1962, Ecclesiastical Latin as the language of the Church, Gregorian Chant, traditional Catholic hymns, and the truths of Catholic doctrine.

#### Article 4 **Not For Profit Status**

Section 4.00-- UVNFL shall be a not for profit corporation as defined by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (2003). 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 of the Corporation. 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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities prohibited for a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

# Article 5 Tax Exempt Status and Limitations

Section 5.00—It is intended that the Corporation shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes and that it shall apply for and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from Federal Income Tax as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. These Articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the Corporation shall be limited accordingly. The Corporation shall not carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in the loss of exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. All references in these Articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the U.S Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

# Article 6 Membership In Corporation

Section 6.00-- The members of the Corporation shall be those individuals who have, according to UVNFL's records, paid in full any and all dues in accordance with the Bylaws of UVNFL. As permitted by 617.0601(1)(a) Florida Statutes, members of UVNFL shall have no rights in, authority, or powers, with respect to, the Corporation, other than the right to vote in the annual election of officers of the Corporation in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### Article 7 Bylaws

Section 7.00-- As required by § 617.0206, Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors of UVNFL shall adopt Bylaws for the purpose of regulating, governing, and managing the affairs of the Corporation.

<u>Section 7.01</u>—The Board of Directors shall have sole and exclusive authority to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws and/or to adopt new or restated Bylaws.

# Article 8 Governance of Corporation by Board of Directors

Section 8.00—The business and affairs of UVNFL shall be regulated, governed, and managed by a Board of Directors consisting of at least three (3) but not more than five (5) Directors. In regulating, governing, and managing the business and affairs of UVNFL, the Board of Directors shall act as one body, and individual Directors shall have no authority to act on behalf of, or bind, UVNFL unless the action is authorized or ratified by a majority of Directors. The Board may, by contract or otherwise, give general, limited, or special powers and/or authority to the Officers and employees of UVNFL to transact the Corporation's general business or any special business, and may give powers of attorney to agents of the Corporation to transact any special business requiring that authorization.

# Article 9 Appointment, Election, Term of Office, and Removal for Cause of Directors

<u>Section 9.00</u>—The incorporators of UVNFL shall appoint the initial Directors of the Board. All subsequent Directors shall be elected by a majority of the incumbent Directors.

Section 9.01-The initial Directors of the Board of Directors, whether appointed by the incorporators or elected immediately thereafter, shall serve staggered terms as follows: At the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board in the calendar year immediately succeeding the calendar year in which these Articles were adopted, the Chairman of the Board shall designate one third of the Directors for terms of one (1) year and one third of the remaining Directors for terms of two (2) years. The remaining one third of the Directors shall serve terms of three (3) years. Thereafter, the term of office for Directors shall be staggered terms of three years; provided, however, that if additional directorships are established, the initial term for such directorships shall be one or more years, not to exceed three (3) years. Directors may serve an unlimited number of terms and may be reelected at the completion of any term by a majority of the incumbent Directors. Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified, or until their earlier deaths, resignations, ore removals. Election of Directors need not be by written ballot.

Section 9.03-Any Director may be removed for cause, as defined by a majority of the Board, by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Section 9.04 - Vacancies occurring on the Board due to an increase in the number of officers shall be filled by persons elected by a majority of the Directors. The manner of nomination and election shall be specified in the Bylaws.

### Article 10 Initial Board of Directors

<u>Section 10.00</u>—The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors of Una Voce of Northeast Florida, Inc. are:

Mollie Garcia 324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane Jacksonville, FL 32259

Paul Fritzsche P.O. Box 1193 Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

Robert Hollmann 598 Wells Landing Drive Orange Park, FL 32073

Rachel Askwith 1314 Portside Drive Orange Park, FL 32003

Gerald Lawson 1269 Pleasant Point Road Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

# Article 11 Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution

Section 11.00—In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

# Article 12 Registered Agent and Street Address

Section 12.00— The name and address of the Corporation's registered agent is:

Edward J. Garcia, Esquire 324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane Jacksonville, FL 32259

### Article 13 Nondiscrimination

Section 13.00—The Corporation shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, gender, or national or ethnic origin.

#### Article 14 Incorporators

Section 14.00 -- The names and addresses of the incorporators of the Corporation are:

Mollie Garcia 324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane Jacksonville, FL 32259

Edward J. Garcia, Esquire 324 Sweetbrier Branch Lane Jacksonville, FL 32259 04 SEP -1 EN 3: 16

#### Certificate of Appointment of Registered Agent

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above-referenced Corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby certify that I am familiar with requirements pertaining to, and accept, the appointment as Registered Agent for the said Corporation and agree to act in the stated capacity.

Signature/Registered Agent

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Signatures of Incorporators

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