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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOUSING – MERCY OAKS, INC.

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

The name of this Corporation is: CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOUSING – MERCY OAKS, INC. (hereinafter referred to as “the Corporation”).

ARTICLE 2: DURATION

The Corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing as of the date of acceptance and filing of these Articles by the Secretary of State of Florida.

ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE

This Corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- (A) To generally provide housing for the geographic area served by the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, including, but not limited to, the ability to construct, rehabilitate, or otherwise develop and/or operate housing facilities.
- (B) The Corporation may exercise the powers permitted non-profit corporations under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes; provided, however, that the Corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it has been organized as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (C) The Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes; and no part of the income or assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of any individual.

ARTICLE 4: INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is 6363 9th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Peter J. Vasti, and the address of the registered agent is 3900 1st Street N., Suite 100, St. Petersburg, FL 33703.

ARTICLE 5: POWERS

The Corporation is empowered:

- (A) To buy, own, sell, convey, assign, mortgage or lease any interest in real estate and personal property, and to construct, maintain and operate improvements thereon necessary or incident to the accomplishment of the purposes set forth in Article 3 hereof.
- (B) To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all

of the objects of its business, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge, or other lien on the Corporation's property.

- (C) To do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation as permitted non-profit corporations under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.
- (D) In the event of dissolution, winding up, or other liquidation of the assets of this Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE 6: BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) in number who shall be elected by the members of the Corporation at the Annual Meeting. The Directors of the Corporation must, at all times, be members of the Corporation. The names and post office addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Directors until their successors are duly qualified, are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Msgr. Robert F. Morris	6363 9 th Avenue N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Margaret Rogers	6363 9 th Avenue N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710
James Wayne	6363 9 th Avenue N. St. Petersburg, FL 33710

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Directors shall serve without compensation.

Membership in the Corporation shall, at all times, be limited to individuals, who are approved by Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Inc.

ARTICLE 7: OFFICERS

The officers of the Corporation as provided by the By-Laws of the Corporation shall be elected by the Directors of the Corporation in the manner therein set out, and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. The Directors shall elect the regular officers of the Corporation at the annual meeting for terms of one year.

The following officers who will serve until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>
Margaret Rogers	President

James Wayne

Secretary/Treasurer

ARTICLE 8: SUBSCRIBERS

The subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Name

Address

Peter J. Vasti

3900 1st Street N., Suite 100
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703

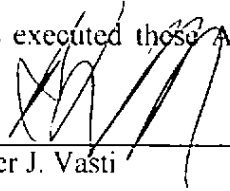
ARTICLE 9: BYLAWS

The initial Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted, made, altered, or rescinded by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, so long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENT

Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Director at a regular or special business meeting of the Board of Directors at which a majority is present and must be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at such meeting properly called and noticed as provided in the By-Laws. This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 31st day of January, 2022.



Peter J. Vasti

Subscriber

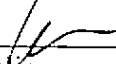
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this 31st day of January, 2022, by PETER J. VASTI, who executed the foregoing instrument freely and voluntarily.

☒ Personally known

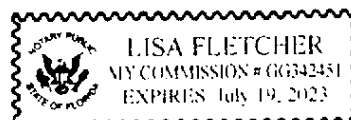
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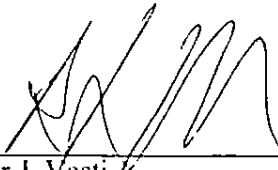
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation at a place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, relative to keeping open said office for service of process.

Dated: JANUARY 31, 2022.



Peter J. Vasti
Registered Agent