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27 May 1999

Honorable Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
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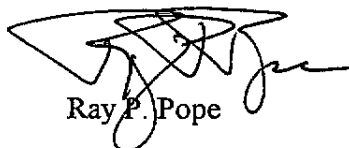
RE: Trinitas Ministries, Inc. (A Not-for-Profit Corporation)

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find two original executed Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Please file one original with your office and have the other original certified and returned to us. A check in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed to cover the cost of filing and certification.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions regarding the above mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact us.

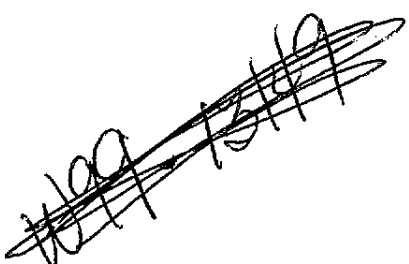
Sincerely yours,

  
Ray P. Pope

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cc: Mr. Ken V. Trotter

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

June 7, 1999

RAY P. POPE  
P.O. BOX 30112  
PENSACOLA, FL 32503

SUBJECT: TRINITAS MINISTRIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W99000013149

We have received your document for TRINITAS MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6933.

Teresa Brown  
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 399A00030667

RAY P. POPE

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*Attorney*

9 June 1999

Secretary of State  
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RE: Trinitas Ministries, Inc. (A Not-for-Profit Corporation)

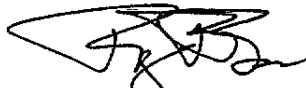
Dear Secretary:

We are returning the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. The registered agent has signed the articles.

Once the articles have been filed with the Secretary of State, please return them to our office in the enclosed Airborne package.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Ray P. Pope

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Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**TRINITAS MINISTRIES, INC.**

**A Not-for-Profit Corporation**

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The undersigned Incorporators, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and do adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation is *Trinitas Ministries, Inc.* and the mailing address for the corporation is 5335 Trotter Lane, Milton, Florida 32570.

**ARTICLE II**

**DURATION**

This Corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State.

**ARTICLE III**

**PRINCIPAL PLACE OF OPERATION**

The principal geographic location of the corporate business or activities shall be 5335 Trotter Lane, Milton, Florida 32570.

**ARTICLE IV**

**PURPOSE**

The purposes of this corporation are:

- a. To establish a Classical and Christ-Centered institution of learning.
- b. To provide Classical and Christian resources/advising/counseling to homeschooling families and the community at large.

c. To accomplish such other religious, scientific or educational purposes, consistent with the above purposes, as are approved by the board of directors, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America, as it may be amended from time to time.

d. To exercise all of the powers enumerated in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time, and to do and perform such acts and to have such powers as shall be desirable and necessary in furtherance of any of the powers enumerated which are not in derogation of the laws of the State of Florida of the United States of America; provided, however, that the corporation, in exercising any one or more powers, shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it has been organized as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America, as it may be amended from time to time.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **ACTS AFFECTING NON-TAXABLE STATUS PROHIBITED**

This corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational, developmental and charitable purposes as a not-for-profit corporation within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States of America, and its activities shall be conducted for such purposes and in such manner that no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer, or individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication of distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

1. The corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code. Or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4991(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax code.

3. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax code.

4. The corporation shall not make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax code.

5. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax code. 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 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction over the value of the assets in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **NON-STOCK CORPORATION**

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **MEMBERSHIP, INITIAL MEMBERS**

The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, procedures for replacing members, the voting and other rights and privileges of members shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The initial members of the corporation shall be the following: Kenneth V. Trotter, M.Ed., Edward A. Noland, D.D.S., and Gary Cumberland, M.D.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The corporation shall be directed by a board of directors, which shall have all of the powers granted to a board of directors under Chapter 607 and 617, Florida Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time, to the extent that such powers are not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation. Each member of the corporation shall be a member of the board of directors by virtue

of being a member of the corporation. In no event shall the board of directors consist of fewer than three directors. The directors shall be elected as provided for in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The initial board of directors shall consist of three directors, listed below. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by the members, but in no event shall there be fewer than three directors.

The names and addresses of the initial board of directors are:

Edward A. Noland, D.D.S.  
1719 North 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Pensacola, FL 32503

Gary Cumberland, M.D.  
3100 Brittany Trace  
Pensacola, FL 32504

Mr. Kenneth V. Trotter, M.Ed.  
5335 Trotter Lane  
Milton, FL 32570

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation is:

Kenneth V. Trotter, M.Ed.  
5335 Trotter Lane  
Milton, Florida 32570

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **OFFICERS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed, subject to direction by the board of directors, by a president, Vice President, and Treasurer, elected annually by the board of directors.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **BYLAWS**

The bylaws of the corporation shall be made, amended or rescinded by the board of directors. Bylaws may be amended or rescinded by a majority vote of the board of directors, provided that a quorum of the board is present, as a quorum is defined in the bylaws of the corporation.

### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### **INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered office of the corporation is 4400 Bayou Boulevard, Suite 54-B, Pensacola, Florida 32503. The initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Ray P. Pope.

### **ARTICLE XV**

#### **NO DISTRIBUTION TO MEMBERS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers of 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 above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hands and seals on the dates written below:

  
KENNETH V. TROTTER, M.Ed., Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, personally appeared KENNETH V. TROTTER, M.Ed., Incorporator of above corporation, to me well known to be the person described in and who freely and voluntarily subscribed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

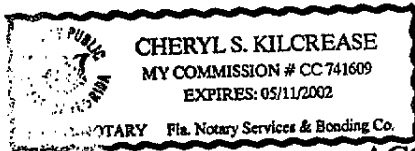


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County  
aforesaid this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.

*C Cheryl S. Kilcrease*

NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Florida

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

**HAVING BEEN NAMED** to accept service of process for Trinitas Academy, Inc., at the  
place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, Ray P. Pope agreed to act in this capacity and  
agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091 relative to keeping such office open.

DATED: May 27, 1999.

*Ray P. Pope*

RAY P. POPE, Registered Agent

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