



April 14, 2020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The parishes of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon are organized under civil law as separate religious nonprofit corporations. The corporations are designed to conduct the religious, charitable and educational operations of the parish and to hold parish property in trust for the parish, its mission, ministries and activities. Pursuant to Article 3 of each parish's Articles of Incorporation, the Archbishop is designated as the sole Member of each parish corporation.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about grave health concerns with illnesses and death but has also wrought much economic devastation with the certainty that more will follow. The income deficit caused by the necessity of closing churches pursuant to Governor Brown's Order 20-12 has made it necessary for parish corporations to apply for financial relief through the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program in order to meet their obligations as religious entities and as employers. Section 3.1(b)(4) of each parish corporation's bylaws provides that the parish board may only borrow funds with the permission and agreement of the Member.

Therefore, as the sole Member of each of these corporations, I give permission for each and every board of the 124 Archdiocesan parishes to apply to the SBA Payroll Protection Program and to borrow available funds for the needs and purposes specified.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexander K. Sample". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Alexander K. Sample  
Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

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Sister Veronica Schueler, F.S.E.  
Chancellor