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Decretum generale

Promulgating the Revised

Archdiocesan Pastoral Policies Handbook

To provide for the pastoral care of the people entrusted to me as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha, I hereby promulgate this document entitled *Archdiocesan Pastoral Policies Handbook* as particular law for the Archdiocese of Omaha in accord with the provisions of the *Code of Canon Law*, specifically canons 7, 8 §2, 13, 20 and 29.

I promulgate this revised *Handbook* in keeping with my obligation and right to (1) protect the unity of the universal Church through urging the observance of ecclesiastical laws (canon 392 §1) (2) enact legislation for my own diocese (canon 391 §2); and (3) determine the methods to be observed in applying the law or clarifying the law's prescripts (canons 32-34).

This new handbook replaces earlier policies issued in 1997. It is hereby established as binding in the Archdiocese of Omaha, effective January 1, 2009. The *Pastoral Policies Handbook* is to be promulgated immediately by publishing it on the Archdiocese of Omaha website. Notice of its forthcoming publishing on the Archdiocese of Omaha website has already been placed in the *Catholic Voice*. Any previous legislation for the Archdiocese of Omaha contained in a previous version of *Pastoral Policies* is hereby abrogated as of January 1, 2009.

Datum Omahæ, Die XXIII Mensis Decembris, Anno Domini MMVIII.

Most Reverend Elden F. Curtiss
Archbishop of Omaha

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