



**GENERAL DECREE ESTABLISHING THE SIXTH EDITION OF THE
ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES
FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER**

Mindful of my responsibility as diocesan bishop to safeguard the integrity and unity of the truths of the faith, moral principles, and ecclesiastical discipline in the works of the apostolate pertaining to health care in the Diocese of Manchester (cf. canons 392, 394, 678, and 747);

I, Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Bishop of Manchester, hereby issue this general Decree in accord with canon 29 establishing the Sixth Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* as particular law in the Diocese of Manchester.

The Sixth Edition of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* is to be promulgated in accord with canon 8, §2 by publication of the text on the Internet Website for the Diocese of Manchester (www.catholicnh.org) and by delivering a copy of same and a copy of this decree to the chief executive officer and the sponsors of all Catholic health care institutions located in the Diocese of Manchester. The provisions of the Sixth Edition of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* Bylaws shall become effective and binding within the Diocese of Manchester on August 1, 2018, any particular legislation, directives or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dated this 5th day of July, in the year of our Lord 2018.

Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, D.D.
Bishop of Manchester

Given at the Chancery

Chancellor/ Ecclesiastical Notary