

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

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 Lansing (cf. Canons 392, 394, 678, and 747);

I, Most Reverend Earl Boyea, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Bishop of Lansing, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 establishing the Fifth 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 Lansing.

The Fifth Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *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 Lansing (www.dioceseoflansing.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 Lansing. The provisions of the Fifth Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* bylaws shall become effective and binding within the Diocese of Lansing on March 1, 2010, any particular legislation, directives or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing on this, the twenty-second day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and ten.

Most Reverend Earl Boyea
Bishop of Lansing

Msgr. Steven Raica
Chancellor/Ecclesiastical Notary