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STATEMENT

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
CORPORATIONS DIVISION

I, ROBERT J. McMANUS, of Worcester, County of Worcester, Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts, pursuant to Section 4 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of the year one thousand nine  
hundred and fifty, do state:

COPY

1. That I am a citizen of the United States;
2. That at the time of making this statement I lawfully and regularly hold the office of  
bishop of Worcester; and
3. That I have accepted said office and have commenced the duties thereof.

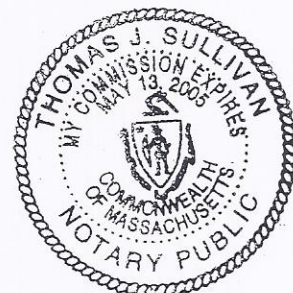
IT WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004.

Robert J. McManus  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WORCESTER, ss. May 14, 2004

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004, before me, the undersigned notary public,  
personally appeared Robert J. McManus, and proved to me through satisfactory evidence of  
identification, which was that he was personally known to me to be the person whose name is  
signed on the preceding or attached document, and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents  
of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Thomas J. Sullivan  
Thomas J. Sullivan, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: May 13, 2005



**Chap. 190** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTROL OF MAQUAN POND IN THE TOWN OF HANSON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The town of Hanson, through its board of selectmen, may from time to time make rules and regulations as to the erection, maintenance and control of all public bath houses on the shores of Maquan pond in said town.

SECTION 2. The selectmen of said town may from time to time make rules and regulations governing fishing, boating, bathing, skating and other recreational activities in or on Maquan pond in said town. Such rules and regulations relative to fishing shall be subject to the approval of the division of fisheries and game of the state department of conservation, and such other rules and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the state department of public works, and when so approved shall have the force of law.

SECTION 3. Any police officer of said town may patrol any part of the waters of said pond and shall have authority to arrest any person violating any law of the commonwealth in, on or adjacent to the waters of said pond or violating any rule or regulation established under this act.

SECTION 4. The violation of any rule or regulation established under this act shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge the powers and duties of said department of public works under chapter ninety-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 9, 1950.*

**Chap. 197** AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF WORCESTER AND HIS SUCCESSORS A CORPORATION SOLE, TO HOLD AND MANAGE CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat one of its principal purposes, which is to make its provisions effective without delay, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The present Roman Catholic bishop of the diocese of Worcester and his successors in office shall be and are hereby made a body politic and corporation sole, under the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, and by that name the said bishop and his successors in office shall be known, and shall hereafter have succession, with all the powers, rights and privileges prescribed, and subject to all the liabilities and limitations imposed by the General Laws. In the event of a vacancy in the office of bishop, owing to the decease of an incumbent, or should any bishop

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he said office be or become incapacitated from performing his duties therein, then the person regularly appointed administrator of said diocese shall, while his appointment as such administrator continues, have the same powers as are by this act conferred upon the Roman Catholic bishop of said diocese; but no person shall succeed to, or have, enjoy or administer any of the rights, privileges, powers or franchises herein granted or provided for, who is not a citizen of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall be empowered to receive, take and hold, by sale, gift, lease, devise or otherwise, real and personal estate of every description, for religious, charitable and burial purposes, and to manage and dispose of the same for the religious and charitable purposes of the Roman Catholic Church, subject to the laws of the commonwealth and to the terms of any trust set forth in any bequest, devise, deed or conveyance of any such estate, or which may now exist or result by implication or force of law, with such limitations as may by law govern any such trust, with full power, subject to the laws of the commonwealth and to the terms of such trusts, to convey the said estate by deed of mortgage for the payment of money as well as by deed absolute.

SECTION 3. The present Roman Catholic bishop of Worcester shall, within six months after the passage of this act, make, sign and swear to a statement which he shall submit to the commissioner of corporations and taxation, setting forth that he lawfully and regularly holds the office of Roman Catholic bishop of Worcester, and that he accepts the provisions of this act and will duly conform to them. If it appears that the statement has been duly made, signed and sworn to, the commissioner shall certify that fact and his approval of the statement by his endorsement thereon. Such statement shall thereupon be filed by the person making the same, in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, who shall cause the statement, with the endorsement thereon, to be recorded, and shall thereupon issue a certificate to the person making the statement, reciting this act, the substance of the statement aforesaid, and that the said Roman Catholic bishop of Worcester and his successors are legally established as and are made an existing corporation, under the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, with the powers, rights and privileges, and subject to the limitations, duties and restrictions which by law appertain thereto. The secretary shall sign the same and cause the seal of the commonwealth to be thereto affixed, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such corporation. He shall also cause a record of such certificate to be made, and a certified copy of such record may be given in evidence, with like effect as the original certificate.

SECTION 4. Every successor in the office of bishop of Worcester, and every person duly appointed to administer the office for any cause, shall forthwith make, sign and



swear to a statement, which he shall immediately file in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth, setting forth that he is a citizen of the United States, that at the time of making such statement he lawfully and regularly held the office of bishop of Worcester, or the office of administrator of the diocese thereof, as the case may be, and that he has accepted said office and commenced the duties thereof; and, in addition thereto, he shall submit to the secretary of the commonwealth his letter of appointment in evidence of his being bishop.

SECTION 5. Upon the execution and delivery by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, incorporated by chapter three hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, incorporated by this act, at any time after the issuance by the secretary of the commonwealth of the certificate of incorporation referred to in section three, of a general conveyance, without particularization as to the property or properties therein and thereby conveyed, of all the property, real, personal or however otherwise described, which is now vested in said Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield and which, according to the laws, rules, customs and practises established and maintained by the canon law or received traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, belong or appertain to the bishop of the newly constituted diocese of Worcester or to said diocese, all of said property shall vest in said Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester, but subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations upon which the particular properties are now held by said Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield. The instrument making said general conveyance shall be recorded in the registry of deeds in each of the registry districts in said county of Worcester. A statement executed by and on behalf of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield to the effect that any particular property now vested in the Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield has been conveyed to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Worcester in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be conclusive evidence thereof.

SECTION 6. The corporation shall be subject to all laws of this commonwealth regulating corporations established for religious and charitable purposes, requiring them to make annual and other returns to the commissioner of corporations and taxation concerning their condition and affairs.

*Approved March 13, 1950.*

**Chap. 198** AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT THE TOWN OF BERNARDSTON MAY BORROW FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 68 of the acts of 1949 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words "one hundred thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words: — one hundred and seventy thousand, — so as to read as