



**CITY OF CHICAGO**  
**ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT and AFFIDAVIT**  
**Related to Contract/Amendment/Solicitation**  
**EDS # 68562**

**SECTION I -- GENERAL INFORMATION**

A. Legal name of the Disclosing Party submitting the EDS:

Catholic Bishop of Chicago - St Sabina

Enter d/b/a if applicable:

St Sabina Employment Resource Center

The Disclosing Party submitting this EDS is:

the Applicant

B. Business address of the Disclosing Party:

7825 S Racine Ave  
Chicago, IL 60620  
United States

C. Telephone:

773-783-3760

Fax:

773-783-3786

D. Name of contact person:

Ms. Lisa Ramsey

F. Brief description of contract, transaction or other undertaking (referred to below as the "Matter") to which this EDS pertains:

CORP - Youth Services - Greencorps Program

Which City agency or department is requesting this EDS?

DEPT OF FAMILY AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Specification Number

118456

Contract (PO) Number

30249

Revision Number

2

Release Number

User Department Project Number

## **SECTION II -- DISCLOSURE OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS**

### **A. NATURE OF THE DISCLOSING PARTY**

1. Indicate the nature of the Disclosing Party:

Not-for-profit corporation

Is the Disclosing Party also a 501(c)(3) organization?

Yes

Is the Disclosing Party incorporated or organized in the State of Illinois?

Yes

### **B. DISCLOSING PARTY IS A LEGAL ENTITY:**

1.a.1 Does the Disclosing Party have any directors?

Yes

1.a.3 List below the full names and titles of all executive officers and all directors, if any, of the entity. Do not include any directors who have no power to select the entity's officers.

**Officer/Director:** Mr. Isadore Glover  
**Title:** Parish Council - Chair  
**Role:** Director

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**Officer/Director:** Rev. Michael Pflieger  
**Title:** President  
**Role:** Officer

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**Officer/Director:** Dr. Kimberly Lymore  
**Title:** Vice President  
**Role:** Officer

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**Officer/Director:** Mr. Mark Plummer  
**Title:** Parish Council Vice Chair  
**Role:** Director

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**Officer/Director:** Ms. Judith Carthan  
**Title:** Parish Council - Secretary  
**Role:** Director

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**Officer/Director:** Ms. Beverly Morris  
**Title:** Treasurer  
**Role:** Officer

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**Officer/Director:** Rev. Thulani Magwaza  
**Title:** Director of Ministries/Organizations  
**Role:** Officer

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1.a.5 Are there any members of the non-for-profit Disclosing Party which are legal entities?

No

### **SECTION III -- BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Has the Disclosing Party had a "business relationship," as defined in [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code](#), with any City elected official in the 12 months before the date this EDS is signed?

No

### **SECTION IV -- DISCLOSURE OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND OTHER RETAINED PARTIES**

The Disclosing Party must disclose the name and business address of each subcontractor, attorney, lobbyist, accountant, consultant and any other person or entity whom the Disclosing Party has retained or expects to retain in connection with the Matter, as well as the nature of the relationship, and the total amount of the fees paid or estimated to be paid. The Disclosing Party is not required to disclose employees who are paid solely through the Disclosing Party's regular payroll.

"Lobbyist" means any person or entity who undertakes to influence any legislative or administrative action on behalf of any person or entity other than: (1) a not-for-profit entity, on an unpaid basis, or (2) himself. "Lobbyist" also means any person or entity any part of whose duties as an employee of another includes undertaking to influence any legislative or administrative action.

If the Disclosing Party is uncertain whether a disclosure is required under this Section, the Disclosing Party must either ask the City whether disclosure is required or make the disclosure.

1. Has the Disclosing Party retained any legal entities in connection with the Matter?

No

3. Has the Disclosing Party retained any persons in connection with the Matter?

No

### **SECTION V -- CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **A. COURT-ORDERED CHILD SUPPORT COMPLIANCE**

Under [Municipal Code Section 2-92-415](#), substantial owners of business entities that contract with the City must remain in compliance with their child support obligations throughout the contract's term.

Has any person who directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of the Disclosing Party been declared in arrearage of any child support obligations by any Illinois court of competent jurisdiction?

Not applicable because no person directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of the Disclosing Party

## B. FURTHER CERTIFICATIONS

1. Pursuant to [Municipal Code Chapter 1-23](#), Article I ("Article I")(which the Applicant should consult for defined terms (e.g., "doing business") and legal requirements), if the Disclosing Party submitting this EDS is the Applicant and is doing business with the City, then the Disclosing Party certifies as follows:

- i. neither the Applicant nor any controlling person is currently indicted or charged with, or has admitted guilt of, or has ever been convicted of, or placed under supervision for, any criminal offense involving actual, attempted, or conspiracy to commit bribery, theft, fraud, forgery, perjury, dishonesty or deceit against an officer or employee of the City or any sister agency; and
- ii. the Applicant understands and acknowledges that compliance with Article I is a continuing requirement for doing business with the City.

NOTE: If Article I applies to the Applicant, the permanent compliance timeframe in Article I supersedes some five-year compliance timeframes in certifications 2 and 3 below.

I certify the above to be true

2. The Disclosing Party and, if the Disclosing Party is a legal entity, all of those persons or entities identified in Section II.B.1. of this EDS:

- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from any transactions by any federal, state or local unit of government;
- b. have not, within a five-year period preceding the date of this EDS, been convicted of a criminal offense, adjudged guilty, or had a civil judgment rendered against them in connection with: obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; a violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; fraud; embezzlement; theft; forgery; bribery; falsification or destruction of records; making false statements; or receiving stolen property;
- c. are not presently indicted for, or criminally or civilly charged by, a governmental entity (federal, state or local) with committing any of the offenses set forth in clause B.2.b. of this Section V;
- d. have not, within a five-year period preceding the date of this EDS, had one or more public transactions (federal, state or local) terminated for cause or default; and

- e. have not, within a five-year period preceding the date of this EDS, been convicted, adjudged guilty, or found liable in a civil proceeding, or in any criminal or civil action, including actions concerning environmental violations, instituted by the City or by the federal government, any state, or any other unit of local government.

I certify the above to be true

3. Neither the Disclosing Party, nor any [Contractor](#), nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) of either the Disclosing Party or any [Contractor](#) nor any [Agents](#) have, during the five years before the date this EDS is signed, or, with respect to a [Contractor](#), an [Affiliated Entity](#), or an [Affiliated Entity](#) of a [Contractor](#) during the five years before the date of such [Contractor's](#) or [Affiliated Entity's](#) contract or engagement in connection with the Matter:

- a. bribed or attempted to bribe, or been convicted or adjudged guilty of bribery or attempting to bribe, a public officer or employee of the City, the State of Illinois, or any agency of the federal government or of any state or local government in the United States of America, in that officer's or employee's official capacity;
- b. agreed or colluded with other bidders or prospective bidders, or been a party to any such agreement, or been convicted or adjudged guilty of agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders, in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price or otherwise; or
- c. made an admission of such conduct described in a. or b. above that is a matter of record, but have not been prosecuted for such conduct; or
- d. violated the provisions of [Municipal Code Section 2-92-610 \(Living Wage Ordinance\)](#).

I certify the above to be true

4. Neither the Disclosing Party, [Affiliated Entity](#) or [Contractor](#), or any of their employees, officials, [agents](#) or partners, is barred from contracting with any unit of state or local government as a result of engaging in or being convicted of

- bid-rigging in violation of [720 ILCS 5/33E-3](#);
- bid-rotating in violation of [720 ILCS 5/33E-4](#); or
- any similar offense of any state or of the United States of America that contains the same elements as the offense of bid-rigging or bid-rotating.

I certify the above to be true

5. Neither the Disclosing Party nor any [Affiliated Entity](#) is listed on any of the following lists maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury or the Bureau of Industry and Security of the U.S. Department of Commerce or their successors: the [Specially Designated Nationals List](#), the [Denied Persons List](#), the [Unverified List](#), the [Entity List](#) and the [Debarred List](#).

I certify the above to be true

6. The Disclosing Party understands and shall comply with the applicable requirements of [Chapters 2-55 \(Legislative Inspector General\)](#), [Chapter 2-56 \(Inspector General\)](#) and [Chapter 2-156 \(Governmental Ethics\)](#) of the Municipal Code.

I certify the above to be true

7. To the best of the Disclosing Party's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, the following is a complete list of all current employees of the Disclosing Party who were, at any time during the 12-month period preceding the execution date of this EDS, an employee, or elected or appointed official, of the City of Chicago.

None

8. To the best of the Disclosing Party's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, the following is a complete list of all gifts that the Disclosing Party has given or caused to be given, at any time during the 12-month period preceding the execution date of this EDS, to an employee, or elected or appointed official, of the City of Chicago. For purposes of this statement, a "gift" does not include: (i) anything made generally available to City employees or to the general public, or (ii) food or drink provided in the course of official City business and having a retail value of less than \$20 per recipient.

None

#### C. CERTIFICATION OF STATUS AS FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

The Disclosing Party certifies that, as defined in [Section 2-32-455\(b\) of the Municipal Code](#), the Disclosing Party

is not a "financial institution"

#### D. CERTIFICATION REGARDING INTEREST IN CITY BUSINESS

Any words or terms that are defined in [Chapter 2-156 of the Municipal Code](#) have the same meanings when used in this Part D.

1. In accordance with [Section 2-156-110 of the Municipal Code](#): Does any official or employee of the City have a financial interest in his or her own name or in the name of any other person or entity in the Matter?

No

#### E. CERTIFICATION REGARDING SLAVERY ERA BUSINESS

If the Disclosing Party cannot make this verification, the Disclosing Party must disclose all required information in the space provided below or in an attachment in the "Additional Info" tab. Failure to comply with these disclosure requirements may make

any contract entered into with the City in connection with the Matter voidable by the City.

The Disclosing Party verifies that the Disclosing Party has searched any and all records of the Disclosing Party and any and all predecessor entities regarding records of investments or profits from slavery or slaveholder insurance policies during the slavery era (including insurance policies issued to slaveholders that provided coverage for damage to or injury or death of their slaves), and the Disclosing Party has found no such records.

I can make the above verification

## **SECTION VI -- CERTIFICATIONS FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED MATTERS**

Is the Matter federally funded? For the purposes of this Section VI, tax credits allocated by the City and proceeds of debt obligations of the City are not federal funding.

No

## **SECTION VII -- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, CONTRACT INCORPORATION, COMPLIANCE, PENALTIES, DISCLOSURE**

The Disclosing Party understands and agrees that:

- A. The certifications, disclosures, and acknowledgments contained in this EDS will become part of any contract or other agreement between the Applicant and the City in connection with the Matter, whether procurement, City assistance, or other City action, and are material inducements to the City's execution of any contract or taking other action with respect to the Matter. The Disclosing Party understands that it must comply with all statutes, ordinances, and regulations on which this EDS is based.
- B. The City's Governmental Ethics and Campaign Financing Ordinances, [Chapters 2-156](#) and [2-164](#) of the Municipal Code, impose certain duties and obligations on persons or entities seeking City contracts, work, business, or transactions. A training program is available on line at [www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/ethics.html](http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/ethics.html), and may also be obtained from the City's Board of Ethics, 740 N. Sedgwick St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60610, (312) 744-9660. The Disclosing Party must comply fully with the applicable ordinances.

I acknowledge and consent to the above

The Disclosing Party understands and agrees that:

- C. If the City determines that any information provided in this EDS is false, incomplete or inaccurate, any contract or other agreement in connection with which it is submitted may be rescinded or be void or voidable, and the City may pursue any remedies under the contract or agreement (if not rescinded or void), at law, or in equity, including terminating the Disclosing Party's participation in the Matter and/or declining to allow the Disclosing Party to participate in other transactions with the City. Remedies at law for a false statement of material fact may include incarceration and an award to the City of treble damages.
- D. It is the City's policy to make this document available to the public on its Internet site and/or upon request. Some or all of the information provided on this EDS and any attachments to this EDS may be made available to the public on the Internet, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request, or otherwise. By completing and signing this EDS, the Disclosing Party waives and releases any possible rights or claims which it may have against the City in connection with the public release of information contained in this EDS and also authorizes the City to verify the accuracy of any information submitted in this EDS.
- E. The information provided in this EDS must be kept current. In the event of changes, the Disclosing Party must supplement this EDS up to the time the City takes action on the Matter. If the Matter is a contract being handled by the City's Department of Procurement Services, the Disclosing Party must update this EDS as the contract requires. NOTE: With respect to Matters subject to Article I of [Chapter 1-23 of the Municipal Code](#) (imposing PERMANENT INELIGIBILITY for certain specified offenses), the information provided herein regarding eligibility must be kept current for a longer period, as required by [Chapter 1-23](#) and [Section 2-154-020 of the Municipal Code](#).

I acknowledge and consent to the above

The Disclosing Party represents and warrants that:

F.1. The Disclosing Party is not delinquent in the payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, nor are the Disclosing Party or its [Affiliated Entities](#) delinquent in paying any fine, fee, tax or other charge owed to the City. This includes, but is not limited to, all water charges, sewer charges, license fees, parking tickets, property taxes or sales taxes.

I certify the above to be true

F.2 If the Disclosing Party is the Applicant, the Disclosing Party and its [Affiliated Entities](#) will not use, nor permit their subcontractors to use, any facility listed by the U.S. E.P.A. on the federal [Excluded Parties List System \("EPLS"\)](#) maintained by the U.S. General Services Administration.

I certify the above to be true

F.3 If the Disclosing Party is the Applicant, the Disclosing Party will obtain from any contractors/subcontractors hired or to be hired in connection with the Matter certifications equal in form and substance to those in F.1. and F.2. above and will not, without the prior written consent of the City, use any such contractor/subcontractor that does not provide such certifications or that the Disclosing Party has reason to believe has not provided or cannot provide truthful certifications.

I certify the above to be true

## **FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

This question is to be completed only by (a) the Applicant, and (b) any legal entity which has a direct ownership interest in the Applicant exceeding 7.5 percent. It is not to be completed by any legal entity which has only an indirect ownership interest in the Applicant.

Under [Municipal Code Section 2-154-015](#), the Disclosing Party must disclose whether such Disclosing Party or any "Applicable Party" or any Spouse or Domestic Partner thereof currently has a "familial relationship" with any elected city official or department head. A "familial relationship" exists if, as of the date this EDS is signed, the Disclosing Party or any "Applicable Party" or any Spouse or Domestic Partner thereof is related to the mayor, any alderman, the city clerk, the city treasurer or any city department head as spouse or domestic partner or as any of the following, whether by blood or adoption: parent, child, brother or sister, aunt or uncle, niece or nephew, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather or stepmother, stepson or stepdaughter, stepbrother or stepsister or half-brother or half-sister.

"Applicable Party" means (1) all corporate officers of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a corporation; all partners of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a general partnership; all general partners and limited partners of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a limited partnership; all managers, managing members and members of the Disclosing Party, if the Disclosing Party is a limited liability company; (2) all principal officers of the Disclosing Party; and (3) any person having more than a 7.5 percent ownership interest in the Disclosing Party. "Principal officers" means the president, chief operating officer, executive director, chief financial officer, treasurer or secretary of a legal entity or any person exercising similar authority.

Does the Disclosing Party or any "Applicable Party" or any Spouse or Domestic Partner thereof currently have a "familial relationship" with an elected city official or department head?

No

## **ADDITIONAL INFO**

Please add any additional explanatory information here. If explanation is longer than 1000 characters, you may add an attachment below. Please note that your EDS, including all attachments, becomes available for public viewing upon contract award. Your attachments will be viewable "as is" without manual redaction by the City. You are responsible for redacting any non-public information from your documents before uploading.

List of vendor attachments uploaded by City staff

None.

List of attachments uploaded by vendor

501C3 Documents

## **CERTIFICATION**

Under penalty of perjury, the person signing below: (1) warrants that he/she is authorized to execute this EDS, and all applicable appendices, on behalf of the Disclosing Party, and (2) warrants that all certifications and statements contained in this EDS, and all applicable appendices, are true, accurate and complete as of the date furnished to the City. Submission of this form constitutes making the oath associated with notarization.

/s/ 05/05/2015

Ms. Lisa Ramsey

Executive Director

Catholic Bishop of Chicago - St Sabina

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August 3, 2009

TO: Most Reverend Archbishops and Bishops, Diocesan  
Attorneys and State Conference Directors

SUBJECT: 2009 Group Ruling

FROM: Anthony Picarello, General Counsel *APP*  
(Staff: Deirdre Dessingue, Associate General Counsel)

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This memorandum relates to the Group Ruling reaffirmation letter issued to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on July 28, 2009 by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), with respect to the federal tax status of Catholic organizations listed in the 2009 edition of the Official Catholic Directory ("OCD")<sup>1/</sup>. As explained in greater detail below, this ruling is important for establishing:

- (1) the exemption of such organizations from:
  - (a) federal income tax;
  - (b) federal unemployment tax (*but see* ¶4 of "Explanation" below); and
- (2) the deductibility, for federal income, gift and estate tax purposes, of contributions to such organizations.

The 2009 Group Ruling is the latest in a series that began with the original determination of March 25, 1946. In the 1946 document, the Treasury Department affirmed the exemption from federal income tax of all Catholic institutions listed in the OCD for that year. Each year since 1946, in a separate letter, the 1946 ruling has been extended to cover the institutions listed in the current OCD<sup>2/</sup>. The 2009 Group Ruling is generally consistent with the 2008 ruling. The annual group ruling clarifies important tax consequences for Catholic institutions listed in the OCD, and should be retained for ready reference. Rulings from prior years establish tax consequences with respect to transactions occurring during those years.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Group Ruling and this memo may be found on the USCCB website at [www.usccb.org/ogc](http://www.usccb.org/ogc).

<sup>2</sup> Catholic organizations with independent IRS exemption determination letters are listed in the 2009 OCD with an asterisk (\*), which indicates that such organizations are **not** covered by the Group Ruling.

**Responsibilities under Group Ruling.** Diocesan officials who compile OCD information for submission to the OCD publisher are responsible for the accuracy of such information. They must ensure that only qualified organizations are listed, that organizations are listed under their correct legal names, that organizations that cease to qualify are deleted promptly, and that newly-qualified organizations are listed as soon as possible.

## **EXPLANATION**

1. **Exemption from Federal Income Tax.** The latest ruling reaffirms the exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of "the agencies and instrumentalities and educational, charitable, and religious institutions operated, supervised or controlled by or in connection with the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories or possessions appearing in the Official Catholic Directory for 2009". (*The Group Ruling does not cover organizations listed with asterisks or any foreign organizations listed in the 2009 OCD.*)

**Verification of Exemption under Group Ruling.** Organizations exempt under the Group Ruling generally are not included in IRS Publication 78, the IRS Exempt Organization Business Master File ("EOBMF"), or online databases derived from either of these sources. This does not mean that organizations included in the Group Ruling are not tax-exempt, that contributions to them are not deductible, or that they are not eligible for grant funding from private foundations. Organizations included in the Group Ruling that encounter difficulties verifying their tax-exempt status under the Group Ruling should refer donors, including private foundations, to IRS Publication 4573, *Group Exemptions*, available on the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Publication 4573 explains that: (1) IRS does not determine which organizations are included in a group exemption; (2) subordinate organizations exempt under a group exemption do not receive an IRS determination letter; (3) exemption under a group ruling is verified by reference to the official subordinate listing (*e.g.*, the Official Catholic Directory); and (4) it is not necessary for an organization included in a group exemption to be listed in Publication 78 or the EOBMF. *IRS does not provide letters verifying inclusion in the Group Ruling.*

2. **Public Charity Status.** The latest Group Ruling affirms that organizations included in the 2009 OCD are not private foundations under section 509(a) of the Code. Newly-created or newly-affiliated organizations must establish that they are not private foundations as a condition of inclusion in the Group Ruling and OCD.

Verification of Public Charity Status. The Group Ruling states that organizations covered under its provisions are public charities under section 509(a), but does not specify the subsection of section 509(a) under which they are classified because all covered organizations do not share a common classification. Although USCCB is classified as a public charity under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i), that classification does not extend to organizations covered under the Group Ruling. Each organization must establish its own public charity classification under section 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2) or 509(a)(3).

As a result of requirements imposed by the Pension Protection Act of 2006 with respect to private foundation grants to section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations, private foundations may require more specific documentation of public charity status under section 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), 509(a)(3)-Type I or 509(a)(3)-Type II.

Certain types of organizations included in the Group Ruling qualify as public charities by definition under the Code. These are:

- churches and conventions and associations of churches under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) [generally limited to dioceses, parishes, religious orders, and state Catholic conferences];
- elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii); and
- hospitals under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).

Other organizations covered under the Group Ruling may qualify under the public support tests of either sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or section 509(a)(2). Verification of public charity classification under either of the support tests generally can be established by providing a written declaration of the applicable classification signed by an officer of the organization, along with a reasoned written opinion of counsel and a copy of the support test portion of Form 990, if applicable. A section 509(a)(3) organization included in the Group Ruling should be able to rely upon a written declaration of the applicable supporting organization classification signed by an officer of the organization, along with a reasoned written opinion of counsel and Form 990, if applicable, to satisfy foundation grantors of their Type I or Type II supporting organization status.

3. **Deductibility of Contributions.** The Group Ruling assures donors that contributions to the institutions listed in the 2009 OCD and covered by the Group Ruling are deductible for federal income, gift, and estate tax purposes.

4. **Unemployment Tax.** The Group Ruling establishes exemption from *federal* unemployment tax only. Individual states may impose unemployment tax on organizations included in the Group Ruling, even though they are exempt from the federal tax. Please refer to your local tax advisor any questions you may have about state unemployment tax.

5. **Social Security Tax.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches, are required to withhold and pay taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) for each employee.<sup>3/</sup> However, services performed by diocesan priests in the exercise of their ministry are not considered "employment" for FICA (Social Security) purposes.<sup>4/</sup> FICA should not be withheld from their salaries. *For Social Security purposes*, diocesan priests are subject to self-employment tax ("SECA") on their salaries as well as on the value of meals and housing or housing allowances provided to them.<sup>5/</sup> Neither FICA nor income tax withholding is required on remuneration paid directly to religious institutes for members who are subject to vows of poverty and obedience and are employed by organizations included in the Official Catholic Directory.<sup>6/</sup>

6. **Federal Excise Tax.** Inclusion in the Group Ruling has no effect on an organization's liability for federal excise taxes. Exemption from these taxes is very limited. Please refer to your local tax advisor any questions you may have about excise taxes.

7. **State/Local Taxes.** Inclusion in the Group Ruling does not automatically establish an organization's exemption from state or local income, sales or property taxes. Typically, separate exemptions must be obtained from the appropriate state or local tax authorities in order to qualify for any applicable exemptions. Please refer to your local tax advisor any questions you may have about state or local tax exemptions.

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<sup>3</sup> Section 3121(w) of the Code permits certain church-related organizations to make an irrevocable election to avoid payment of FICA taxes, but only if such organizations are opposed for religious reasons to payment of social security taxes.

<sup>4</sup> I.R.C. § 3121(b)(8)(A).

<sup>5</sup> I.R.C. § 1402(a)(8). See also, Compensation of Priests, at <http://www.usccb.org/bishops/dfi/dualtax.htm>.

<sup>6</sup> Rev. Rul. 77-290, 1977-2 C.B. 26. See also, OGC/LRCR Memorandum on Compensation of Religions, <http://www.usccb.org/ogc/RelComp2006.pdf> (September 11, 2006).

8. **Form 990.** All organizations included in the OCD must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, *unless* they are eligible for a mandatory or discretionary exception to this filing requirement. ***There is no automatic exemption from the Form 990 filing requirement simply because an organization is included in the Group Ruling or listed in the OCD.*** Organizations required to file Form 990 must do so by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of their fiscal year.<sup>7/</sup> Among the organizations not required to file Form 990 under section 6033 of the Code are: (i) churches; (ii) integrated auxiliaries of churches<sup>8/</sup>; (iii) the exclusively religious activities of religious orders; (iv) schools below college level affiliated with a church or operated by a religious order; (v) organizations with gross receipts normally not in excess of \$25,000;<sup>9/</sup> and (vi) certain church-affiliated organizations that finance, fund or manage church assets, or maintain church retirement insurance programs, and organizations controlled by religious orders that finance, fund or manage assets used for exclusively religious activities.<sup>10/</sup>

*Special Rules for Section 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations.* The Pension Protection Act of 2006 eliminated discretionary exceptions to the Form 990 filing requirement as applied to section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. The discretionary exceptions likely to be affected by this provision are exceptions (v) and (vi) above. This means that if an organization exempt under the Group Ruling is classified as a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization, it may no longer rely on exceptions (v) or (vi) above as the basis for not filing Form 990. However, a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization that qualifies as an

<sup>7</sup> *The penalty for failure to file the Form 990 is \$20 for each day the failure continues, up to a maximum of \$10,000 or 5 percent of the organization's gross receipts, whichever is less. However, organizations with annual gross receipts in excess of \$1 million are subject to penalties of \$100 per day, up to a maximum of \$50,000. I.R.C. § 6652(c)(1)(A).*

<sup>8</sup> *I.R.C. § 6033(a)(3)(A)(i); Treas. Reg. § 1.6033-2(h). To qualify as an integrated auxiliary of a church, an organization must be described in section 501(c)(3), qualify as other than a private foundation, be affiliated with a church, and qualify as internally supported. An organization will be considered internally supported unless it both:*

- (1) *Offers admissions, goods, services, or facilities for sale, other than on an incidental basis, to the general public (except goods, services, or facilities sold at a nominal charge or substantially below cost), and*
- (2) *normally receives more than 50 percent of its support from a combination of governmental sources; public solicitation of contributions (such as through a community fund drive); and receipts from the sale of admissions, goods, performance of services, or furnishing of facilities in activities that are not unrelated trades or businesses.*

<sup>9</sup> *Rev. Proc. 83-23, 1983-1 C.B. 687.*

<sup>10</sup> *Rev. Proc. 96-10, 1996-1 C.B. 577.*

integrated auxiliary of a church under section 6033 may continue to rely on that exception as a basis for not filing Form 990. Because it is a statutory exception, the integrated auxiliary of the church exception was not affected by the Pension Protection Act.

*Form 990-N Filing Requirements.* Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, an organization exempt under the Group Ruling that claims exception (v) above (gross receipts normally not in excess of \$25,000) as its sole basis for not filing Form 990 must file annual electronic Form 990-N ("e-postcard") as required by IRS, setting forth the following information: (1) the legal name of the organization; (2) any name under which the organization operates or does business; (3) the organization's mailing address and Internet website address; (4) the organization's EIN; (5) the name and address of a principal officer; (6) evidence of the organization's continued qualification for exemption from the Form 990 filing requirement; and (7) notification of termination, if applicable. Form 990-N must be submitted electronically through the IRS website on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the fifth calendar month following the close of the fiscal year for which it is filed.<sup>11</sup>

*Public Disclosure and Inspection.* Any organization that is required to file either Form 990 or Form 990-N must upon request make a copy of the form and its schedules and attachments (other than Form 990 contributor lists) available for public inspection during regular business hours at the organization's principal office and at any regional or district offices having three or more employees. Form 990 or Form 990-N for a particular year must be made available for a three year period beginning with the due date of the return.<sup>12/</sup> In addition, any organization that files Form 990 or Form 990-N must comply with written or in-person requests for copies of the form. The organization may impose no fees other than a reasonable fee to cover copying and mailing costs. If requested, copies of the forms for the past three years must be provided. In-person requests must be satisfied on the same day. Written requests must be satisfied within 30 days.<sup>13/</sup>

<sup>11</sup> *Final Regulations: Notification Requirement for Tax-Exempt Entities Not Currently Required to File, 74 Fed.Reg. 36395 (July 23, 2009).*

<sup>12</sup> *The penalty for failure to permit public inspection of the Form 990 is \$20 for each day during which such failure continues, up to a maximum of \$10,000. I.R.C. § 6652(c)(1)(C).*

<sup>13</sup> *I.R.C. § 6104(d). Generally, a copy of an organization's exemption application and supporting documents must also be provided on the same basis. However, since Catholic organizations covered under the Group Ruling did not file exemption applications with IRS, nor did USCCB, organizations covered under the Group Ruling should respond to requests for public inspection and written or in-person requests for copies by providing a copy of the page of the current OCD on which they are listed. If a covered organization does not have a copy of the current OCD, it has two weeks within which to make it available for inspection and to comply with in-person requests for copies. Written requests must be satisfied within the general time limits.*

Public Disclosure of Form 990-T. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Unrelated Business Income Tax Return, is subject to the same public inspection and copying rules that apply to Forms 990 and 990-N.

Revocation for Failure to File. Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the tax-exempt status of an organization, including an organization exempt under the Group Ruling, that is required to file either Form 990 or Form 990-N but that fails to do so for three consecutive years will be considered revoked. Reapplication to IRS (not through the Group Ruling process) will be required in order to reinstate exemption.

9. **Revenue Procedure 75-50.** Rev. Proc. 75-50<sup>14</sup> sets forth notice, publication, and recordkeeping requirements regarding racially nondiscriminatory policies with which private schools, including church-related schools, must comply as a condition of establishing and maintaining exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Under Rev. Proc. 75-50 private schools are required to file an annual certification of racial nondiscrimination with the IRS. For private schools not required to file Form 990, the annual certification must be filed on Form 5578, Annual Certification of Racial Nondiscrimination for a Private School Exempt from Federal Income Tax. This form is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Form 5578 must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the fiscal year. Form 5578 may be filed by an individual school or by the diocese on behalf of all schools operated under diocesan auspices. The requirements of Rev. Proc. 75-50 remain in effect and must be complied with by all schools listed in the OCD. ***Diocesan or school officials should ensure that the requirements of Rev. Proc. 75-50 are met since failure to do so could jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the school and, in the case of a school not legally separate from the church, the tax-exempt status of the church itself.***

10. **Lobbying Activities.** Organizations exempt under the Group Ruling may lobby for changes in the law, provided such lobbying is not more than an insubstantial part of their total activities. Attempts to influence legislation both directly and through grassroots lobbying are subject to this restriction. The term "lobbying" includes activities in support of or in opposition to referenda, constitutional amendments, and similar ballot initiatives. There is no distinction between lobbying activity that is related to an organization's exempt purposes and lobbying that is not. There is no fixed percentage that constitutes a safe harbor for "insubstantial" lobbying. Please refer to your local tax advisor any questions you may have about permissible lobbying activities.

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<sup>14</sup> 1975-2 C.B. 587.

11. **Political Activities.** *Organizations exempt under the Group Ruling may not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Violation of the prohibition against political campaign intervention can jeopardize the organization's tax-exempt status.* In addition to revoking tax-exempt status, IRS may also impose excise taxes on an exempt organization and its managers on account of political expenditures. Where there has been a flagrant violation, IRS has authority to seek an injunction against the exempt organization and immediate assessment of taxes due. The Office of General Counsel memorandum, *Political Campaign Activity Guidance for Catholic Organizations*, available at [www.usccb.org/ogc](http://www.usccb.org/ogc), contains detailed information regarding the prohibition against political campaign intervention. If you have any questions in this regard, please refer them to your local tax advisor.

12. **Group Exemption Number.** The group exemption number assigned to the USCCB Group Ruling is 0928. ***This number must be included on each Form 990, Form 990-T, and Form 5578 required to be filed by any organization exempt under the Group Ruling.***<sup>15/</sup> We advise against using the group exemption number on Form SS-4, Request for Employer Identification Number, because in the past this has resulted in IRS improperly including USCCB as part of the organization's name when it enters the organization in its database.

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IRS has expressed concern about organizations covered under the Group Ruling that fail to include the group exemption number (0928) on their Form 990 filings, particularly the initial filing.

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**Department of the Treasury**

**Date:** JUL 28 2009

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877-829-5500  
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53-0196617  
**Group Exemption Number:**  
0928

Dear Sir or Madam:

In a ruling dated March 25, 1946, we held that the agencies and instrumentalities and all educational, charitable and religious institutions operated, supervised, or controlled by or in connection with the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories or possessions appearing in *The Official Catholic Directory* 1946, are entitled to exemption from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1939, which corresponds to section 501(c)(3) of the 1986 Code. This ruling has been updated annually to cover the organizations added to or deleted from the Directory.

*The Official Catholic Directory* for 2009 shows the names and addresses of all agencies and instrumentalities and all educational, charitable, and religious institutions operated by the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories and possessions in existence at the time the Directory was published. It is understood that each of these is a non-profit organization, that no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any individual, that no substantial part of their activities is for promotion of legislation, and that none are private foundations under section 509(a) of the Code.

Based on all information submitted, we conclude that the agencies and instrumentalities and educational, charitable, and religious institutions operated, supervised, or controlled by or in connection with the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories or possessions appearing in *The Official Catholic Directory* for 2009 are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to the agencies, instrumentalities and institutions referred to above, as provided by section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to them or for their use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Beginning January 1, 1984, unless specifically excepted, you and your subordinates must pay tax under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) for each employee who is paid \$100 or more in a calendar year, as indexed for inflation. You and your subordinates are not liable for the tax under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

The conditions concerning the retention of your group exemption as set forth in our previous determination letter dated August 17, 1983, remain in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Westcott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cindy Westcott  
Manager, Exempt Organizations  
Determinations