

PROCURATOR MANDATE

Having completed 14 years of age, domiciled or quasi-domiciled in the Diocese of Buffalo, a baptized Catholic or married to a baptized Catholic, or otherwise having interest as a donor supporting Catholic activities in the Diocese of Buffalo or being an employee or volunteer with the Diocese of Buffalo or an entity associated with it under Canon Law, or having been directly harmed by Bishop Michael Fisher, the Undersigned is scandalized by the Most Reverend Michael Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo. His ministry has become ineffective and harmful. He has lost his good reputation among Catholics, and his actions and behavior have harmed the reputation of the Catholic Church by non-Catholics. I believe the situation has reached a point of necessity for intervention by the Holy See.

To pursue the intervention of the Holy See in accord with the Canon Law of the Catholic Church, I hereby appoint **Mark Byrne, 484 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14202**, as my Procurator in accord with the norms of Canon Law. By this mandate, I allow my Procurator to act in my name as the law allows to advance my interests identified above, and to represent these interests in legitimate processes of the Catholic Church related to this issue. For purposes of any proceedings, my Procurator's address as noted above is my official address for notifications and communications. *I expressly direct my Procurator to initiate and pursue a petition requesting the Holy See to conduct a visitation of the Diocese, investigate the actions of Bishop Fisher, and take corrective action up to and including his removal.* I direct my Procurator to take necessary actions, even ancillary or related actions, whether at the diocesan or supradiocesan levels, even the secular forum, if necessary, to pursue my intentions noted above. In addition to the usual powers granted a Procurator in Canon Law, this mandate grants my Procurator the following powers:

- (1) The power to appoint an Advocate in Canon Law who will guard my interests in accord with the norms of law. I expect the appointment of this Advocate will grant the Advocate the power to make petitions or appeals without prior consultation of my Procurator or me, if such acts are consistent with my intentions noted above and my Procurator is impeded, refuses to act to protect my interests, or cannot be reached in sufficient time.
- (2) The power to appoint a Procurator/Advocate in Rome if it becomes advantageous to do so.
- (3) The power to appoint an Alternate Procurator to serve if my Procurator is impeded from acting and action is necessary to protect a right or advance my interests. I retain my right to receive copies of all notifications and communications sent to my Procurator on this matter, and I retain my right to reply personally.

By this mandate, I firmly establish my intention to protect my interests in this matter by pursuing petitions and lawful appeals in accord with Canon Law, even appeals to the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura or Petitions to the Holy Father. Only an authenticated communication from me and received by my Procurator changes my intentions expressed herein.

Signature above

Date

Printed Name

Street Address

City, State Zip

AUTHENTICATION: On _____, the person above appeared to us. He/She is either personally known to us or demonstrated identification to be the individual whose name is subscribed within this instrument and acknowledged to us that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, executed the instrument.

(Witness Signature)

Printed Name:

Address:

(Witness Signature)

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