GENERAL DECREE ESTABLISHING THE 6TH EDITION OF THE
ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE DIOCESE OF RICHMOND

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 Richmond (cf. canons 392, 394, 678, and 747):

I, Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See, Bishop
of Richmond, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 establishing the 6th
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 Richmond.

The 6th 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 Richmond (www.richmonddiocese.org) and by delivering a copy of same and
a copy of this decree to the chief executive officer of the sponsors of all Catholic health care
institutions located in the Diocese of Richmond. The provisions of the 6th Edition of the Ethical
and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services Bylaws shall become effective and
binding within the Diocese of Richmond on February 25, 2020, any particular legislation,
directives, or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dated this 25th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord 2020.

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond