

# **Instructions for Completing Procurator Petition/Mandate**

- 1. Print the document. An electronic signature is not accepted.**
- 2. Sign the document in the presence of two witnesses. The witnesses may be family members, and they may also sign a separate mandate. The witnesses must be 18 years of age or older and of sound mind. A witness does not have to be Catholic.**

**You must put your address on the mandate to prove that you live in the Diocese of Steubenville.**

**If you do not live in the Diocese of Steubenville, but you have an interest because of employment or you make regular donations to the Diocese, or you have some other specific interest, please explain your interest in the space next to your signature/address lines. EG: “I work in the chancery.” “I run a trust that gives money to the Diocese.”**

- 3. If you wish to send a personal note, please write it on a separate piece of paper. Keep it respectful. Stick to facts and concerns.**
- 4. Mail the signed Mandate with your note to Mary King at the address found on the Mandate.**
- 5. Pray. First and foremost, this is a spiritual battle against the powers of darkness. We must place our trust in the Lord and beg the help of Blessed Mary and all the saints.**

# PROCURATOR MANDATE FOR NON-CATHOLICS

Being of canonical age (c.f. Canon 1478§3) and having interest in this matter as a non-Catholic living in the Diocese of Steubenville who would be spiritually harmed, or whose employment or way of life would be harmed, by the proposed extinction of the juridic person known as the Diocese of Steubenville, I oppose any intention or act by ecclesiastical authority that would result in the extinction or any notable alteration to the Diocese of Steubenville at this time and under the present circumstances. That my intentions and opposition to such acts will be properly communicated within the appropriate ecclesiastical processes, I hereby appoint **Mary King, 431 Franklin Ave., Steubenville, OH 43952** 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 judicial and administrative 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 petitions and necessary actions, even ancillary or related actions, whether at the diocesan or supradiocesan levels, 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. In order that prevention is operative, if an Advocate is appointed as well as an Alternate Procurator, the Alternate Procurator must be impeded, refuse to act, or cannot be reached insufficient time before the Advocate may exercise procuratorial powers.
4. The power to renounce action or strike a bargain, if I have been given reasonable opportunity to be heard and take personal action.

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. I recognize there is no appeal against an act by the Holy Father. Only an authenticated communication 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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness Signature)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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