



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Office of the Archbishop

GENERAL DECREE ESTABLISHING THE SEVENTH EDITION OF THE *ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE SERVICES* AS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

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 Archdiocese of Hartford (cf. canons 392, 394, 678, and 747);

I, Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, by the grace of God and the Apostolic See Archbishop of Hartford, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 establishing the Seventh Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' [Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services](#) as particular law in the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Seventh 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 Archdiocese of Hartford (www.archdioceseofhartford.org). A copy of the same and a copy of this decree shall be distributed to the chief executive officer and the sponsors of all Catholic health care institutions located in the Archdiocese of Hartford. The provisions of the Seventh Edition of the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* shall become effective and binding within the Archdiocese of Hartford on November 19, 2025, any particular legislation, directives, or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dated this 18 of November, in the Year of Our Lord 2025.

Archbishop of Hartford

Dr. Felix Menendez
Chancellor