General Decree Establishing the Fifth Edition of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services as Particular Law in the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont

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 Burlington (cf. canons 392, 394, 678 and 747 of the Code of Canon Law),

I, Salvatore R. Matano, by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Ninth Bishop of Burlington, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 of the Code of Canon Law establishing the Fifth 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 Burlington.

The Fifth Edition of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services is to be promulgated in accord with canon 8, §2 of the Code of Canon Law by publication of the text on the Internet Website for the Diocese of Burlington (www.vermontcatholic.org) and by delivering a copy of this decree to the chief executive officer and the sponsors of all Catholic health care institutions located in the Diocese of Burlington. The provisions of the Fifth Edition of the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services Bylaws shall become effective and binding within the Diocese of Burlington on May 13, 2010, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, any particular legislation, directives or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery Office in Burlington, Vermont, on this thirtieth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and ten.

The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Burlington

The Reverend Monsignor John J. McDermott
Vicar General and Chancellor