



Catholic Church of Eastern Montana  
**DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS-BILLINGS**

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General Decree Establishing the Fifth Edition of the  
***Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services***  
as Particular Law in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

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 Great Falls-Billings (cf. Canons 392, 394, 678, 747);

I, the Most Reverend Michael Warfel, Bishop of Great Falls-Billings, hereby issue this General Decree in accord with canon 29 establish 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 Great Falls-Billings, Montana.

The Fifth Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' ***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 of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings ([www.diocesegfb.org](http://www.diocesegfb.org)) and by delivering a copy of the same and a copy of this decree to the chief executive officer and the sponsors of all Catholic health care institutions located in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. The provisions of the Fifth Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' ***Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*** bylaws have been observed in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings since their acceptance by the USCCB in November 2009, and shall now become officially binding within the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings on November 1, 2014, any particular legislation, directives or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Curia of the Catholic Diocese of Great Falls-Billings on this, the twentieth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and fourteen.

+ Most Reverend Michael Warfel  
Bishop of Great Falls-Billings

Darren Eultgen  
Chancellor

