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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 41 of 1997**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Catholic Religious  
Education Development Institute and matters  
incidental thereto.

*[Assented to 27th November, 1997]*

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Preamble  
Tobago an Association known as the Catholic Religious  
Education Development Institute:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Catholic Religious Education Development Institute be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

- Enactment** Enacted by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—
- Short title** 1. This Act may be cited as the Catholic Religious Education Development Institute (Incorporation) Act, 1997.
- Incorporation** 2. The Catholic Religious Education Development Institute (in this Act referred to as “the Association”) is hereby created a body corporate.
- Aims and objects** 3. The aims and objects of “the Association” are—
- (a) to recruit persons of the Roman Catholic faith who are Members of Orders and Congregations for voluntary christian service in the areas of health, education and social outreach;
  - (b) to foster the spiritual, apostolic and human development of its members through continuing training, spiritual guidance and support;
  - (c) to establish or take over centres from which the activities of the Association can be carried on;
  - (d) to develop the talents of all members and more specifically to utilise the talents and skills of teachers, students, retirees, and those with managerial expertise in the various health, education and social service institutions which are serviced by the Association;
  - (e) to do all such other things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above aims and objects.

## 4. The Association may:

Powers of the  
Association

- (a) acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;
- (b) raise income by fund raising activities;
- (c) sell, exchange, demise, mortgage or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in it subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title.

5. The income and property of the Association whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its aims and objects and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to its members, save that nothing herein shall prevent the disbursement of the funds received by the Association for the reasonable expenses incurred by members in pursuance of the objects of the Association. In the event that the Association is dissolved, its income and property shall be transferred to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Port-of-Spain or any charitable institution approved by the President.

Application of income  
and property

6. All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed with the common seal of the Association in the presence of the Secretary and any other person as may be appointed for that purpose, who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Association.

Mode of execution of  
documents

Service of documents 7. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the Association may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post, to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

Saving of State and  
other rights

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the Senate this 14th day of October, 1997.

N. COX  
*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 6th day of November, 1997.

J. SAMPSON  
*Clerk of the House*