

## **Exhibit 1a: Nature and Educational Purposes of Applicant**

The Applicant is Saint Joseph Protector of Families Radio, Inc and will serve the proposed community of license Little Orleans, Maryland, and the surrounding areas. The Applicant is a local organization with its headquarters located at the proposed antenna site.

The Applicant was incorporated as a non-profit educational corporation in the state of Maryland on November 27, 2023. The Articles of Incorporation of the Applicant, as filed, accepted and registered by the State of Maryland, is contained in Exhibit 1b of the instant application.

The Applicant will provide a Low Power FM broadcast service for the purpose of advancing its non-commercial educational objectives to the local community. The educational objectives of the Applicant include the following:

- 1) To provide educational and religious instruction, including analysis of ancient scripture and the moral teachings manifest in the Bible and in the Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church.
- 2) To provide the opportunity for, and to promote, informative discussion and debate in areas pertaining to contemporary social and religious issues, as well as citizenship and its responsibilities; and
- 3) To foster the development and implementation of successful methods, including the delivery of charitable services, for responding to community problems such as poverty, the crisis in marital and family relationships, sexual and substance abuse, and mental health disorders and homelessness.

To advance these and other educational purposes, the Applicant plans to broadcast primarily the radio programming provided by Eternal Word Television Network ("EWTN").

The Applicant will not air commercials, and the EWTN network includes no paid programming. Rather, the EWTN radio service includes news and current affairs programming; interactive call-in discussion shows; live interviews with authors on spiritual matters and social issues; recorded instructive talks by eminent theologians, scholars, and homilists; and live airings of devotional prayers and the daily Mass. The most current EWTN program schedule is contained in Exhibit 1c of the instant application. In addition, the Applicant may at times broadcast elements of the syndicated programming available from other Catholic sources, such as Relevant Radio, Catholic Answers and Ave Maria Radio.

Over time, the Applicant intends to develop and produce locally originated programs. The Applicant will work with local Roman Catholic parishes and other local community organizations to assist and complement existing efforts to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, and physical needs of the listening audience of the local community.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant is a local nonprofit educational organization and has evidenced an intention to operate the new LPFM station consistent with an overall educational program. The Applicant will also operate in accordance with FCC LPFM regulations sections 73.801 through 73.881. Accordingly, the nonprofit nature and educational purposes of the

Applicant make it eligible, consistent with the FCC Media Bureau's announcement DA23-642 and of the Commission's Rules, to obtain the LPFM broadcast authorization sought in the instant application.