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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**SACRED HEART OF JESUS RETREAT CENTER**

**ARTICLE I**  
**Corporate Name**

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is: Sacred Heart of Jesus Retreat Center.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Corporate Purpose**

Section 2.01. Corporate Form and Purpose. This Corporation is a religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law exclusively for religious purposes.

Section 2.02. General Exempt Purpose. This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") § 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law).

Section 2.03. Specific Exempt Purpose. This Corporation's specific purposes are, in addition to religious purposes within the meaning of Code § 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law), to:

- a) Provide religious retreats and other religious programs aimed at helping each person to grow in holiness and deepen his or her relationship with the Blessed Trinity, the holy angels, the saints, and the Catholic Church;
- b) Provide opportunities for Catholic worship, prayer, and spiritual and human formation;
- c) Provide educational programs and resources regarding agricultural methods that are consistent with Catholic moral and social teaching on integral environmental and human ecology;
- d) Operate and maintain a retreat center and program facility in accordance with the Catholic faith; and
- e) Carry on other activities associated with these purposes as allowed by law.

This Corporation will hold, invest, and administer assets received as charitable gifts, bequests, and contributions, and will use such assets, or the income therefrom, to operate programs in furtherance of its religious purposes within the meaning of Code § 501(c)(3). This Corporation will operate programs, make grants, loans, and other distributions in furtherance of this Corporation's religious purposes, including, without limitation, to support the activities and projects of other organizations operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Code § 501(c)(3).

**ARTICLE III  
Service of Process**

The name and California street address of the Corporation's initial agent for service of process are:

John C. Peiffer II  
40 Pacifica, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Irvine, CA 92618

**ARTICLE IV  
Corporate Address**

The initial street and mailing address of this Corporation is:

4100 Matilija Canyon Road  
Ojai, CA 93023

**ARTICLE V  
Membership**

The Corporation will have members. The authorized number, qualification, and classes of members, if any, and their rights, preferences, privileges, and restrictions will be set forth in the Corporation's bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI  
Duration**

The Corporation's duration is perpetual.

**ARTICLE VII  
Powers**

The Corporation is a religious corporation and has all of the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided in the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation may not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision in these Articles, the Corporation may not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Code § 501(c)(3) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code § 170(c)(2).

**ARTICLE VIII  
Private Foundation Status**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, if the Corporation is, or is determined to be, a private foundation as described in Code § 509(a), then the Corporation must distribute assets in each taxable year at the time and in a manner that will avoid tax under Code § 4942(b), and the Corporation is expressly prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code § 4941(d), from retaining any excess business holdings as defined in Code § 4943(c), from making any investments in a manner that will subject the Corporation to tax under Code § 4944, and from making any taxable expenditures as defined in Code § 4945(d).

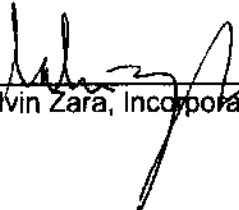
**ARTICLE IX**  
**Tax-Exempt Status**

Section 9.01. Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation may consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this Corporation may not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 9.02. Private Inurement. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation will ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

Section 9.03. Dissolution. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation must be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and that has established its tax-exempt status under Code § 501(c)(3).

Dated: November 27, 2024

  
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Calvin Zara, Incorporator