

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE



TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PLAN

Your Summary Plan Description

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THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLOTTE TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY PLAN

SUMMARY OF 403(b) PLAN PROVISIONS

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR PLAN

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan ("Plan") has been adopted to provide you with the opportunity to save for retirement on a tax-advantaged basis and to provide additional income for retirement. This Plan is a type of retirement plan commonly referred to as a 403(b) plan or TSA (Tax Sheltered Annuity). This Summary of 403(b) Plan Provisions contains valuable information regarding when you may become eligible to participate in the Plan, your Plan benefits, your distribution options, and many other features of the Plan. You should take the time to read this Summary of 403(b) Plan Provisions to get a better understanding of your rights and obligations under the Plan.

We have attempted to answer most of the questions you may have regarding your benefits in the Plan. If this Summary does not answer all of your questions, please contact the Administrator. The name and address of the Administrator can be found in the Article of this Summary entitled "General Information About The Plan."

This Summary describes the Plan's benefits and obligations as contained in the legal Plan document, which governs the operation of the Plan. The Plan document is written in much more technical and precise language. If the non-technical language under this Summary and the technical, legal language of the Plan document conflict, the Plan document always governs. If you wish to receive a copy of the legal Plan document, please contact the Administrator.

This Summary describes the current provisions of the Plan. The Plan is subject to federal laws, such as the Internal Revenue Code and other federal and state laws which may affect your rights. The provisions of the Plan are subject to revision due to a change in laws or due to pronouncements by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Employer may also amend or terminate this Plan. The Administrator will notify you if the provisions of the Plan that are described in this Summary change. Terms of investment products you select may also affect the Plan. This Summary does not address the provisions of specific investment products.

ARTICLE I PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAN

Am I eligible to participate in the Plan?

Provided you are an eligible employee, you are eligible to participate in the Plan once you satisfy the Plan's eligibility conditions described in the next question.

Under IRS transition rules, some employees may not be able to defer for a limited period of time. In general, this exclusion will expire January 1, 2010. Contact the Plan Administrator for more information.

Temporary Employees are excluded from participation in the Plan.

When am I eligible to participate in the Plan?

You will have met the service requirement for elective deferral and matching contributions when you complete 3 month(s) of service.

You will have completed the required number of months if you are employed by us at any time after you have completed that number of months measured from your initial employment commencement date.

When is my entry date?

Provided you are an eligible employee, you may begin participating in the Plan's elective deferrals and matching contributions once you have satisfied the eligibility requirements and reached your "entry date." Your entry date is the date you satisfy the eligibility requirements.

What happens if I'm a participant, terminate employment and then I'm rehired?

If the Employer rehires you following your prior termination of employment, you may begin to make elective deferrals immediately upon your rehire. If you leave the Employer to enter qualified military service and the Employer rehires you under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 ("USERRA"), you will have the right to make-up the elective deferrals which you could have made while engaged in qualified military service. If you think this may apply to you, ask the Administrator for more information.

ARTICLE II CONTRIBUTIONS

What kind of contributions may I make to the Plan and how do my contributions affect my taxes?

As a participant in the Plan, you may elect to reduce your compensation by a specific percentage or dollar amount and have that amount contributed to the Plan on a pre-tax basis. The Plan refers to this as an "elective deferral." Your taxable income is reduced by your elective deferral contributions so you pay less federal income taxes. However, your elective deferrals are subject to Social Security taxes at the time of deferral. Later, when the Plan distributes the deferrals and earnings, you will pay income tax on those amounts. Federal income taxes on the pre-tax deferral contributions and earnings are only postponed. See "What are my tax consequences when I receive a distribution from the Plan?"

The Employer may make additional contributions to the Plan on your behalf. This Article describes these employer contributions and how these monies will be allocated to your account to provide for your retirement benefit.

How much may I contribute to the Plan?

Your total elective deferrals in any calendar year may not exceed a certain dollar limit which is set by law ("elective deferral limit"). The elective deferral limit for 2009 is \$16,500. After 2009, the elective deferral limit may increase for cost-of-living adjustments. You may also defer more than the elective deferral limit if you are eligible to make "catch-up deferrals" as described below.

If you are age 50 or will attain age 50 before the end of a calendar year, you may make additional deferrals (called "age 50 catch-up deferrals") for that year and following years. If you meet

the age 50 requirement and exceed the elective deferral limit described above, then any excess will be an age 50 catch-up deferral. The maximum catch-up deferral that you can make in 2009 is \$5,500. After 2009, the maximum age 50 catch-up deferral limit may increase for cost-of-living adjustments. Any age 50 catch-up deferrals that you make will be taken into account in determining any Employer matching contribution made to the Plan.

You should also be aware that the annual elective deferral limit is an aggregate limit which applies to all deferrals you may make under this Plan and any other 403(b) plans, simplified employee pensions, SIMPLE IRAs, or 401(k) plans in which you may be participating, including those of another employer. Generally, if your total deferrals under all of these arrangements for a calendar year exceed the annual elective deferral limit, then you must include the excess deferrals in your income for the year. If you make excess deferrals you should request in writing that the excess deferrals be returned to you. If you fail to request such a return, you may be taxed a second time when the excess deferral is ultimately distributed from the Plan.

You must decide which plan you would like to have return the amount of any excess deferral. If you decide that this Plan should distribute the excess, you should communicate this in writing to the Administrator no later than the March 1st following the close of the calendar year in which you made the excess deferrals. However, if you contribute excess deferrals to this Plan or any other plan maintained by the Employer, then you will be deemed to have notified the Administrator of the excess. The Administrator will then return the excess deferrals and any earnings thereon to you by April 15 of the year following the calendar year in which you made the excess deferrals.

How do I make an election to defer?

You must enter into a salary reduction agreement, which the Administrator will provide to you. The salary reduction agreement will explain the various rules, including any minimum or maximum amount which you may defer. The salary reduction agreement will explain the conditions for changing your deferral election or stopping deferrals altogether.

Am I vested in my elective deferrals and earnings?

You will always be 100% vested in your elective deferrals and in the earnings on your deferrals. The Administrator will account for these amounts separately from any other amounts in your Plan account. When you become entitled to a distribution from the Plan, you will always be entitled to all amounts held in your elective deferral account. This account will be affected by the Plan investments. See "How is the money in the Plan invested?" below.

Will the Employer contribute to the Plan?

Each year, in addition to depositing your elective deferrals, the Employer may contribute matching contributions.

What is the Employer matching contribution?

A matching contribution is a contribution the Employer makes based on your elective deferrals. If you do not make any elective deferrals, you will not receive any matching contributions.

The Employer may contribute a discretionary percentage of the amount of your elective deferrals. If the Employer decides in any year to contribute a discretionary match, matching contributions would be made at 25% up to 4% of your compensation per payroll period.

If you make elective deferrals, you will always share in the Employer's matching contribution, if the employer decides to make the matching contributions for the Plan year, regardless of the amount of service you complete during the Plan year.

What compensation is used to determine my Plan benefits?

For the purposes of determining your allocation of all contributions to the Plan, compensation has a special and highly technical meaning. The Plan generally defines compensation as the total amounts paid to the employee for services rendered to the Employer, although some items may be excluded. In computing compensation, the Plan does not consider certain items, as described below:

- The Plan does not take into account bonuses, parsonage allowance, cell phone allowance and any Christmas award for any purpose. In addition, salary gross-up associated with personal use of diocesan vehicles is excluded from compensation.

Is there a limit on the amount of compensation that can be considered?

For Plan years beginning on and after January 1, 2009, the amount of annual compensation that may be taken into consideration for Plan purposes is \$245,000. This amount may be adjusted after 2009 for cost-of-living increases.

Is there a limit on how much can be contributed to my account each year?

Generally, the law imposes a maximum limit on the amount of contributions, including elective deferrals, (excluding age 50 catch-up contributions) that may be made to your accounts and any other amounts allocated to any of your accounts during the Plan year (such as forfeitures), excluding earnings. Beginning in 2009, this total cannot exceed the lesser of \$49,000 or 100% of your includible compensation. The dollar limit may be adjusted after 2009 for cost-of-living increases.

May I make "rollover" contributions to the Plan?

At the discretion of the Administrator, you may be permitted to deposit into the Plan distributions you have received from other plans and certain IRAs, provided such distributions are legally qualified to be rolled over into this Plan. Such a deposit is called a "rollover" and may result in tax savings to you. You may ask your prior plan administrator or trustee to directly transfer (a "direct rollover") to this Plan all or a portion of any amount that you are entitled to receive as a distribution from a prior plan. Alternatively, if you received a distribution from a prior plan, you may elect to deposit any amount eligible for rollover within 60 days of your receipt of the distribution. You should consult a qualified tax advisor to determine if a rollover to this Plan is permitted and in your best interest.

Your rollover will be placed in a separate account called a "rollover account." You will always be 100% vested in your rollover account. This means that you will always be entitled to all of your rollover contributions. Rollover contributions will be affected by any investment gains or losses.

How is the money in the Plan invested?

The Plan assets may be invested only in mutual funds or in annuity contracts issued by an insurance company. See the Administrator for further details regarding permissible investments.

You will be able to direct the investment of your Plan account, including your elective deferrals. The Administrator will provide you with information on the investment choices available to you, the frequency with which you can change your investment choices and other information. Periodically, you will receive a benefit statement that provides information on your account balance and your investment returns. If you have any questions about the investment of your Plan accounts, please contact the Administrator. If you do not direct the investment of your Plan account, then your account will be invested in accordance with the default investment alternatives the Employer establishes under the Plan.

When you direct investments, your account is segregated for purposes of determining the earnings or losses on these investments. Your account does not share in the investment performance for other participants who have directed their own investments.

You should remember that the amount of your benefits under the Plan will depend in part upon your choice of investments. Gains as well as losses can occur. The Employer and the Administrator will not provide investment advice or guarantee the performance of any investment you choose.

ARTICLE III DISTRIBUTIONS

Will I receive a distribution of my account if I terminate employment with the Employer?

If your vested benefit exceeds \$3500, then you will be entitled to a distribution in a reasonable time after you terminate employment. (See the question in Article V "How will my benefits be paid?" for a further explanation of how benefits are paid from the Plan.)

What is the Plan's "normal retirement age"?

You will attain your normal retirement age when you reach age 65. Normal retirement age does not control when you may receive distributions under the Plan.

If your employment terminates for reasons other than death, disability, or attainment of normal retirement age, you will be entitled to receive only your "vested percentage" of your account balance.

What is my vested interest in my account?

You are always 100% vested (which means that you are entitled to all of the amounts) in your account attributable to the following:

- elective deferrals including catch-up contributions
- rollover contributions

All Participants who were employed on or after 1/1/09 will be subject to the following graded vesting schedule below:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	50%
2 years or more	100%

All Participants who were terminated on or before 12/31/08 will be subject to the 5 year graded vesting schedule below:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 1 year	0%
1 year	20%
2 years	40%
3 years	60%
4 years	80%
5 or more years	100%

How does the Plan determine my Years of Service for vesting purposes?

To earn a year of service, you must be credited with at least 20 days during the twelve-month period that begins either on your first day of employment or on any anniversary of your employment date. (See the Article entitled "General Information About the Plan" for more information on receiving credit for hours of service.) One Day of Service will be credited for each day in which the Employee completes at least 1 Hour of Service.

The Plan contains specific rules for crediting hours of service for vesting purposes. The Administrator will track your service and will credit you with a year of service for each such 12-month period in which you are credited with the required hours of service, in accordance with the terms of the Plan. If you have any questions regarding your vesting service, you should contact the Administrator.

As a veteran, will my military service count as service with the Employer?

If you are a veteran and are reemployed under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, your qualified military service may be considered service with the Employer. If you may be affected by this law, ask your Administrator for further details.

How will my benefits be paid?

You may elect to receive your distribution under one of the methods described below:

- a single lump-sum payment in cash or, in certain circumstances, in property.
- monthly, quarterly, or annual installments over a period of not more than your assumed life expectancy (or your and your beneficiary's assumed life expectancies).
- the following annuity options: 1) Life Annuity - no refund, 2) Life Annuity with 120, 180 or 240 monthly payment assured, 3) Joint and Last Survivor Life Annuity - no refund, 4) Joint and Last Survivor Life Annuity - Annuity reduces on death of primary payee.

Your investment product may provide you with additional distribution options.

May I elect to roll over my account to another plan or IRA?

If you are entitled to a distribution of more than \$200, then you may elect whether to receive the distribution or to roll over the distribution to another retirement plan such as an individual retirement account ("IRA").

If your vested interest in the Plan exceeds \$1,000 and does not exceed \$5,000 and you do not elect either to receive or to roll over the distribution, then under certain circumstances your distribution must be rolled over to an IRA ("automatic rollover"). The IRA provider will invest the automatic rollover funds in a type of investment designed to preserve principal and provide a reasonable rate of return and liquidity (e.g., an interest-bearing account, a certificate of deposit or a money market fund). The IRA provider will charge your account for any expenses associated with the establishment and maintenance of the IRA and with the IRA investments. You may transfer the IRA funds to any other IRA you choose. If this applies to you, you will be provided with details regarding your distribution rights and the automatic rollover IRA at the time you are entitled to a distribution. However, you may contact the Plan Administrator at the address indicated in this Summary for further information regarding the Plan's automatic rollover provisions, the IRA provider, and the fees and expenses associated with the IRA.

May I receive a loan from the Plan?

You may be able to borrow from your Plan account unless your investment product provides otherwise. There are many complex rules affecting Plan loans and the Administrator can provide more information about Plan loans, if any are available.

ARTICLE IV DISABILITY BENEFITS

How is disability defined?

Under the Plan, disability means the inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration. An investment product may use a different definition. You may be required to submit to a physical examination to determine whether you are disabled.

What happens if I become disabled?

If you become disabled while a participant, you will be entitled to a distribution of 100% of your account balance. Payment of your disability benefits will be made to you as if you had terminated employment without disability.

ARTICLE V DEATH BENEFITS

What happens if I die while working for the Employer?

If you die while still employed by the Employer, your entire account balance will be used to provide your beneficiary with a death benefit.

Your beneficiary is the person or persons whom you designate on a form the Administrator provides for this purpose. If you are married, your spouse will be the beneficiary of the death benefit, unless you elect to change the beneficiary.

If no valid designation of beneficiary exists, or if the beneficiary is not alive when you die, then the death benefit will be paid in the following order, unless the investment provider's documentation says otherwise:

- (a) Your surviving spouse;
- (b) Your children, including adopted children, and if a child dies before you, to their children, if any;
- (c) Your surviving parents, in equal shares; or
- (d) Your estate.

How will the death benefit be paid to my beneficiary?

The death benefit will be paid to your beneficiary in one of the methods mentioned above unless you elected the death benefit distribution method prior to your death.

When must the last payment be made to my beneficiary?

If your designated beneficiary is a person (other than your estate or most trusts) then minimum distributions of your death benefit must generally begin within one year of your death and must be paid over a period not extending beyond your beneficiary's life expectancy. If your spouse is the beneficiary, the start of payments may be delayed until the year in which you would have attained age 70 1/2. Generally, if you die before you are required to begin minimum distributions (which for most people is shortly after the later of age 70 1/2 or retirement) and your beneficiary is not a person, then your entire death benefit must be paid within five years after your death. Some investment products may allow a person to use this five-year rule. See the Plan Administrator for further details.

Since your spouse has certain rights in the death benefit, you should immediately report any change in your marital status to the Administrator.

What happens if I'm a participant, terminate employment, and die before receiving all my benefits?

If you terminate employment with us and subsequently die, your beneficiary will be entitled to the vested percentage of your remaining account balance at the time of your death. However, if you are receiving an annuity distribution at the time of your death, your designated beneficiary, if any, may receive nothing or may be entitled to any remaining payments according to the annuity contract.

ARTICLE VI IN-SERVICE DISTRIBUTIONS

Can I withdraw money from my account while working for the Employer?

You may receive a distribution from the Plan prior to your termination of employment if you satisfy certain conditions. These conditions are described below. However, this distribution will reduce the value of the benefits you will receive when you retire. Any in-service distribution is made at your election and will be made in accordance with the forms of distribution available under the investment product you have selected or under the Plan.

You may request an in-service distribution from the following account(s) and based on the following event(s). Some individual investment products may provide for additional in-service distribution options. Please see your Administrator for details:

- Your entire account once you reach age 59 1/2.

You may withdraw your rollover contributions, if any, at any time prior to severance.

You may only request one in-service distribution during a Plan year unless an individual investment option permits more frequent in-service distributions.

- You may request a hardship distribution as described below. However, individual investment products may have their own rules relating to hardship distributions which would govern your situation. If you have questions, ask your Administrator for more details.

What is a hardship distribution?

A hardship distribution may be made to satisfy certain immediate and heavy financial needs that you have. You can receive a hardship distribution from elective deferrals. A hardship distribution may only be made for payment of the following:

- Expenses for medical care (described in Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code) previously incurred by you, your spouse or your dependent or necessary for you, your spouse or your dependent to obtain medical care;
- Costs directly related to the purchase of your principal residence (excluding mortgage payments);
- Tuition, related educational fees, and room and board expenses for the next twelve (12) months of post-secondary education for yourself, your spouse or dependent;
- Amounts necessary to prevent your eviction from your principal residence or foreclosure on the mortgage of your principal residence;
- Payments for burial or funeral expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, children or other dependents; or

- Expenses for the repair of damage to your principal residence that would qualify for the casualty deduction under the Internal Revenue Code.
- Federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from a hardship distribution.

If you have one of the above expenses, a hardship distribution can be made only if all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- The distribution is not in excess of the amount of your immediate and heavy financial need. The amount of your immediate and heavy financial need may include any amounts necessary to pay any federal, state, or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution;
- You have obtained all distributions, other than hardship distributions, and all nontaxable (at the time of the loan) loans currently available under all plans maintained by your Employer;
- Your elective deferrals will be suspended for at least six (6) months after your receipt of the hardship distribution.

Any hardship distribution from elective deferrals will be limited, as of the date of distribution, to your total elective deferrals to date reduced by the amount of any previous distributions made to you from your elective deferral account. Ask the Administrator if you need further details.

ARTICLE VII TAX TREATMENT OF DISTRIBUTIONS

What are my tax consequences when I receive a distribution from the Plan?

Generally, you must include any Plan distribution in your taxable income in the year in which you receive the distribution. The tax treatment may also depend on your age when you receive the distribution.

Can I reduce or defer tax on my distribution?

You may reduce, or defer entirely, the tax due on your distribution through use of one of the following methods:

- (a) The rollover of all or a portion of the distribution you actually receive to a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another eligible employer plan. This will result in no tax being due until you begin withdrawing funds from the traditional IRA or other eligible employer plan. The rollover of the distribution, however, **MUST** be made within strict time frames (normally, within 60 days after you receive your distribution). Under certain circumstances all or a portion of a distribution (such as a hardship distribution) may not qualify for this rollover treatment. In addition, most distributions will be subject to mandatory federal income tax withholding at a rate of 20%. This will reduce the amount you actually receive. For this reason, if you wish to roll over all or a portion of your distribution amount, the direct rollover option described in paragraph (b) below would be the better choice.

(b) For most distributions, you may request that a "direct rollover" of all or a portion of the distribution to either a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another qualified employer plan willing to accept the rollover. A direct rollover will result in no tax being due until you withdraw funds from the traditional IRA or other qualified employer plan. Like the 60-day rollover, under certain circumstances all or a portion of the amount to be distributed may not qualify for this direct rollover, e.g., a distribution of less than \$200 will not be eligible for a direct rollover. If you elect to actually receive the distribution rather than request a direct rollover, then in most cases 20% of the distribution amount will be withheld for federal income tax purposes.

WHENEVER YOU RECEIVE A DISTRIBUTION, THE ADMINISTRATOR WILL DELIVER TO YOU A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THESE OPTIONS. HOWEVER, THE RULES WHICH DETERMINE WHETHER YOU QUALIFY FOR FAVORABLE TAX TREATMENT ARE VERY COMPLEX. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH A QUALIFIED TAX ADVISOR BEFORE MAKING A CHOICE.

ARTICLE VIII CLAIMS AND BENEFITS

Can the Plan be amended?

Yes. The Employer may amend the Plan at any time. In no event, however, will any amendment authorize or permit any part of the Plan assets to be used for purposes other than the exclusive benefit of participants or their beneficiaries. Additionally, no amendment will cause any reduction in the amount credited to your account.

What happens if the Plan is discontinued or terminated?

The Employer may terminate the Plan at any time. Upon termination, no more contributions may be made to the Plan. The Administrator will notify you of any modification or termination of the Plan.

How do I submit a claim for Plan benefits?

You or your beneficiaries may make a request for any Plan benefits to which you believe you are entitled. Any such request should be in writing and should be made to the Administrator or investment provider. An investment provider may have specific forms for this purpose.

If the Administrator determines the claim is valid, then you will receive a statement describing the amount of benefit, the method or methods of payment, the timing of distributions and other information relevant to the payment of the benefit.

What if my benefits are denied?

Your request for Plan benefits will be considered a claim for Plan benefits, and it will be subject to a full and fair review. If your claim is wholly or partially denied, the Administrator will provide you with a written or electronic notification of the Plan's adverse determination.

ARTICLE IX GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN

There is certain general information that you may need to know about the Plan. This information has been summarized for you in this Article.

General Plan Information

The full name of the Plan is The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte Tax Sheltered Annuity Plan. It has plan number 001.

This Plan was originally effective on September 1, 1989. The amended and restated provisions of the Plan become effective on January 1, 2009.

The Plan's records are maintained on a twelve-month period of time. This is known as the "Plan year." The Plan year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.

Valuations of the Plan are generally made daily.

The Plan will be governed by the laws of North Carolina.

Benefits provided by the Plan are NOT insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC).

Employer Information

The Plan sponsor's name, address, and identification number are:
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte
1123 South Church Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28203
56-1000633

The Plan allows other employers to adopt its provisions. You or your beneficiaries may examine or obtain a complete list of employers, if any, who have adopted the Plan by making a written request to the Administrator.

Administrator Information

The Plan's Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Plan. For example, the Administrator maintains the Plan records, including your account information, provides you with the forms you need to complete for Plan participation and directs the payment of your account at the appropriate time. If you have any questions about the Plan and your participation, you should contact the Administrator. The Administrator may designate other parties to perform some duties of the Administrator, and some duties are the responsibility of the investment provider(s) to the Plan.

The Employer, or the person or persons the Employer designates is the Plan Administrator.