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To The Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, New York 14614

Subject: Authorize a Contract with the Catholic Diocese of Rochester to Provide Religious Services for Residents of Monroe Community Hospital

Honorable Legislators:

I recommend that Your Honorable Body authorize a contract with the Catholic Diocese of Rochester in an amount not to exceed \$49,750 to provide Roman Catholic sacramental and religious services for residents of Monroe Community Hospital for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$49,750 annually.

The New York State Department of Health requires that health care facilities ensure that residents/patients have the right to participate in religious activities and arrange for opportunities for religious worship and counseling for any resident requesting such services. The Catholic Diocese of Rochester will provide Monroe Community Hospital with a full time chaplain to provide sacraments and religious services. The Catholic Diocese is the sole vendor of Roman Catholic sacramental and religious services in Monroe County.

The specific legislative action required is to authorize the County Executive, or his designee, to execute a contract and any amendments thereto, with the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, New York 14624, to provide Roman Catholic sacramental and religious services for residents of Monroe Community Hospital in an amount not to exceed \$49,750 for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year terms in an amount not to exceed \$49,750 annually.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

Funding for this contract is included in the 2023 operating budget of Monroe Community Hospital, hospital fund 9012, funds center 6205040000, Chaplains, and will be requested in future years' budgets. No additional net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

The Catholic Diocese of Rochester is a not-for-profit agency, and the records in the Office of the Monroe County Treasury have indicated that it does not owe any delinquent Monroe County property taxes.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,


Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive