

**ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 207 of 1867**

**458.2 Roman Catholic archbishop, bishops or administrators; powers in administering property.**

Sec. 2. The archbishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Detroit and the several bishops of the Roman Catholic dioceses within the state of Michigan and their successors in office, and administrators of the Roman Catholic dioceses within the state of Michigan, for the purpose of administering the property held by them respectively under this act and in respect thereto, are declared to have and to have had power:

- (a) To enter into any and all lawful contracts in respect of the property held by them;
- (b) To sue and be sued, complain and defend, in any court, or to be a party to any proceedings before any board, tribunal, commission, or any other public body;
- (c) For the purposes of the Roman Catholic church to acquire, purchase, hold, convey, lease, mortgage, and in every way deal in real and personal property of all kinds without limitation; the power to hold real and personal estate shall include the power to take the same by gift, devise or bequest, and upon trusts, either express or implied;
- (d) For the purposes of the Roman Catholic church to borrow money and to give promissory notes therefor, and to secure the payment thereof by mortgage or other lien upon real or personal property; to issue, sell or pledge bonds, notes, bills of exchange, debentures and other obligations and evidences of church indebtedness; and to guarantee, purchase, hold, sell, assign or otherwise dispose of the stock, bonds, or securities of corporations;
- (e) To appoint agents and attorneys in fact;
- (f) To exercise without limitation of the foregoing, any and all powers relating to the temporalities of the Roman Catholic church vested in such archbishop or bishop or administrator by virtue of his office.

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