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BY HAND

Matthew Pollack, Clerk of the Law Court
Maine Supreme Judicial Court
205 Newbury Street, Rm. 139
Portland, Maine 04101

Re: *Robert E. Dupuis, et al. v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland*
BCD-23-122

Dear Mr. Pollack,

Enclosed is a Consent Motion to expand the page limits and adjust the deadline for replies to amicus briefs. Also enclosed is a draft of the Table of Contents for the Appendix in these consolidated cases. In what may be an abundance of caution, I have been thinking that we ought to ask in advance if this Appendix is consistent with Justice Horton's plan for the management of these consolidated cases. Counsel will welcome the opportunity to participate in a conference call with a member of the Clerk's office if such a call should be necessary or useful.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gerald F. Petrucelli

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Enc. Consent Motion
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MAINE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
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DOCKET NO: BCD-23-122

ROBERT E. DUPUIS, et al.

Plaintiff-Appellees,

v.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
BISHOP OF PORTLAND,

Defendant-Appellant.

**APPELLANT'S CONSENT
MOTION FOR MODIFIED PAGE
LIMITS AND ALIGNMENT OF
REPLY BRIEF DEADLINES**

After consultation and without objection, Defendant Appellant respectfully moves for an enlargement of the page limits to allow fifty (50) pages for principal briefs and twenty (20) pages for reply briefs. As grounds for the Motion, Defendant Appellant respectfully refers to the previous proceedings concerning these 13 consolidated cases involving an important constitutional issue potentially affecting a very large number of cases beyond the 13 consolidated cases now before the Court.

Second, Defendant Appellant notes respectfully that the time stated in the Rule for replying to amicus briefs is two weeks while the time for replying to a counterparty's principal briefs is three weeks. Given the possibility that there may be a significant number of amicus briefs to which reply is warranted, it is respectfully requested that the deadline for all replies be three weeks, including replies to amicus briefs.

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NOTICE

Matter in opposition to this Motion must be filed not later than seven (7) days after the filing of this Motion, unless another time is provided by the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure or set by the Court. Failure to file timely opposition will be deemed a waiver of all objections to the Motion, which may be granted without further notice or hearing.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gerald F. Petruccelli, attorney for the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, hereby certify that I have served one copy of Appellant's Consent Motion for Modified Page Limits and Alignment of Reply Brief Deadlines, by electronic mail addressed as follows:

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