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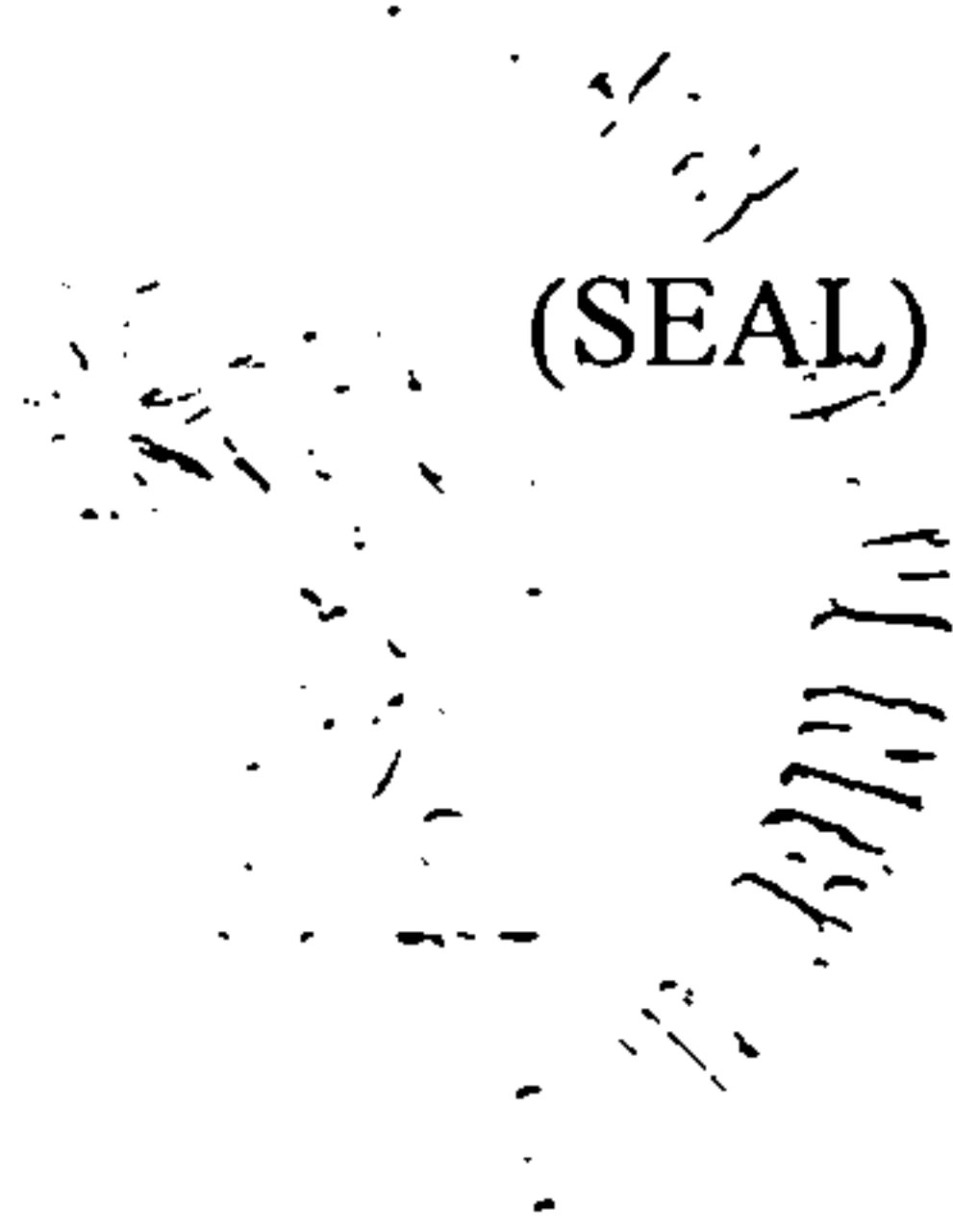
AFFIDAVIT OF SUCCESSION FOR FRANK J. DEWANE,
AS BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF VENICE,
A CORPORATION SOLE

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF SARASOTA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, **VOLODYMYR SMERYK**, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice, who, after being duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and states upon oath that:

1. The Most Reverend John J. Nevins, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, was duly and properly installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Venice on October 25, 1984.

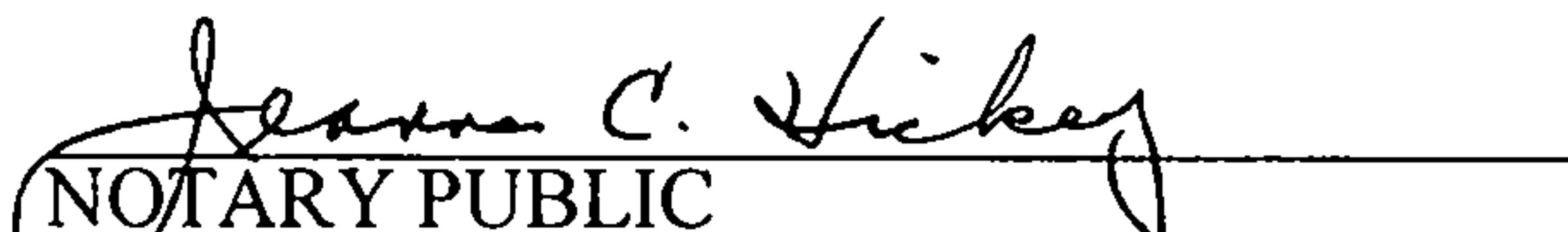
2. On January 19, 2007, the Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, in accordance with Canon Law and the appropriate rules and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church, succeeded Most Reverend John J. Nevins, as Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, a Corporation Sole, as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Venice.




VOLODYMYR SMERYK,
Chancellor

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me this 29 day of JANUARY, 2007, by **VOLODYMYR SMERYK**, Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice, who is personally known to me.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)


NOTARY PUBLIC
Print Name: JEANNE C HICKEY
My Commission expires: JULY 15, 2008

