

1 WHEREAS, the last time the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice was awarded in the Diocese
2 of Lafayette was in the 1940s, underscoring the rarity and significance of the recognition for
3 this award; and

4 WHEREAS, Bishop Deshotel nominated Kim for the award; sending the nomination
5 and letter of approval to the Vatican where it was handled by the Secretary of State of the
6 Holy See before being submitted to Pope Francis for his signature; and

7 WHEREAS, as a young adult, Lafayette native Kim Boudreaux felt a very distinct
8 calling to live a life of service to people that were suffering; and

9 WHEREAS, Kim sold all her possessions and traveled abroad to work as a
10 missionary spending much time in her 20s in Mexico, India, Thailand, and Malaysia; and

11 WHEREAS, in fall 2001, Kim returned home to Lafayette and volunteered at
12 Catholic Charities of Acadiana's St. Joseph Diner and "just fell in love with the
13 organization's work"; and

14 WHEREAS, Kim started with an entry-level job with Catholic Charities of Acadiana
15 when she felt God calling her to serve and decided to stay with the organization as long as
16 God would have her; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2005, Kim began working as the director of Catholic Charities of
18 Acadiana and passionately describes her work as "having the opportunity to show kindness
19 to people in the moments they need it the most"; and

20 WHEREAS, Kim Boudreaux's leadership at Catholic Charities of Acadiana has been
21 instrumental in organizing charitable efforts, focusing on upholding the sanctity of human
22 life and assisting the most vulnerable members of society; and

23 WHEREAS, Catholic Charities of Acadiana, under Kim Boudreaux's guidance, has
24 tirelessly carried out the corporal works of mercy, embodying the Gospel's call to
25 compassion and service to those in need; and

26 WHEREAS, Kim Boudreaux's extensive experience in foreign missions, including
27 her work with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, has enriched her leadership at
28 Catholic Charities of Acadiana and inspired a profound commitment to serving the people
29 of Acadiana; and

30 WHEREAS, the work of Catholic Charities of Acadiana includes providing essential

