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## **DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER TO SELL CHANDLER HOUSE TO CURRIER MUSEUM**

### *Purchase and Sale Agreement Signed; Museum to Restore Building*

(**MANCHESTER, NH**) – The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, and Dr. Alan Chong, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Currier Museum of Art, today jointly announced that the Diocese of Manchester and the museum have signed a purchase and sale agreement on the Chandler House and a portion of the Saint Hedwig Parish property.

“The Chandler House is a beautiful 19th-century residence that tells the story of New Hampshire’s dynamic past,” said Dr. Chong. “The Currier Museum is proud to help preserve it for the benefit of the community in collaboration with the Diocese of Manchester, our long-time neighbors.”

“For almost five years we have explored numerous options to sell, subdivide, or preserve the Chandler House in some way, without success,” said Bishop Libasci. “We are pleased that through the experience of a friendly meeting and a fruitful exchange of ideas, the Currier has stepped forward with a plan to do so.”

The Currier plans to restore rooms on the main level of the Chandler House to their original 19th-century appearance and to conduct tours of these areas. The rest of the building will be renovated for office and classroom space.

The sale is contingent upon the City of Manchester’s approval of the subdivision of the property.

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*The Currier Museum of Art is an internationally renowned art museum located in Manchester, New Hampshire. Its mission is: Focused on Art, Centered in Community, Committed to Inspire. Visit: [currier.org](http://currier.org).*

*The Diocese of Manchester is the Roman Catholic Church in New Hampshire, serving the needs of nearly 235,000 Catholics. For more information, please visit [www.catholicnh.org/overview](http://www.catholicnh.org/overview).*