# PLAN SUMMARY FOR

# Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland 403(b) Plan

July 1, 2017

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# OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE PLAN

You have your own retirement account under the Plan to hold the contributions made to the Plan on your behalf and to track the earnings on those contributions. You may access information about your retirement account in several ways, as described below:

- Access your retirement account information and learn about your investment options online at www.retiresmart.com. This site helps you enroll in and manage your retirement account. You may review your account balance and daily performance, make transactions, and get a statement on demand that includes your estimated personal rate of return.
- Access your retirement account information over the phone at 1-800-743-5274. You can check your account balance, review investment performance, change your investment selection, and transfer assets between investment options.
- Talk to a MassMutual Customer Services Representative. When you call 1-800-743-5274 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Time), you can be connected with MassMutual's Participant Information Center. Customer Service representatives can answer your questions and guide you through transactions.

In addition, this booklet and its attached Addendum contain a summary of your rights and benefits under the Plan. You should read this material carefully and keep it with your records for future reference.

# Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland 403(b) Plan PLAN SUMMARY

# ARTICLE 1 INTRODUCTION

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland has adopted the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland 403(b) Plan (the "Plan") to help you save for retirement. As an employee of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, you may be entitled to participate in the Plan, provided you satisfy the conditions for participation as described in this Plan Summary.

This Plan Summary ("Summary") is designed to help you understand the retirement benefits provided under the Plan and your rights and obligations with respect to the Plan. This Summary contains a summary of the major features of the Plan, including the conditions you must satisfy to participate under the Plan, the amount of benefits you are entitled to as a Plan participant, when you may receive distributions from the Plan, and other valuable information you should know to understand your Plan benefits. We encourage you to read this Summary and contact your Employer (or other designated Plan representative) if you have any questions regarding your rights and obligations under the Plan.

This Summary does not replace the formal Plan document, which contains all of the legal and technical requirements applicable to the Plan. However, this Summary does attempt to explain the Plan language in a non-technical manner that will help you understand your retirement benefits. If the non-technical language under this Summary and the technical, legal language under the Plan document conflict, the Plan document always governs. If you have any questions regarding the provisions contained in this Summary or if you wish to receive a copy of the legal Plan document, please contact your Employer (or other designated Plan representative).

The Plan document may be amended or modified due to changes in law, to comply with pronouncements by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), or due to other circumstances. If the Plan is amended or modified in a way that changes the provisions under this Summary, you will be notified of such changes.

This Summary does not create any contractual rights to employment nor does it guarantee the right to receive benefits under the Plan. Benefits are payable under the Plan only to individuals who have satisfied all of the conditions under the Plan document for receiving benefits.

# ARTICLE 2 GENERAL PLAN INFORMATION AND KEY DEFINITIONS

This Article 2 contains information regarding the day-to-day administration of the Plan as well as the definition of key terms used throughout this Summary.

Plan Name: Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland 403(b) Plan

Plan Number: 003

Employer:

Name: Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland

Address: 510 Ocean Avenue

Portland, ME 04103-7559 **Telephone number**: 207-773-6471

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 01-0212546

#### Plan Administrator:

The Plan Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of the Plan. For example, the Plan Administrator maintains the Plan records, provides you with forms necessary to request a distribution from the Plan, and directs the payment of your vested benefits when required under the Plan. The Plan Administrator may designate another person or persons to perform the duties of the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator or its delegate, as the case may be, has full discretionary authority to interpret the Plan, including the authority to resolve ambiguities in the Plan document and to interpret the Plan's terms, including who is eligible to participate under the Plan and the benefit rights of participants and beneficiaries. All interpretations, constructions and determinations of the Plan Administrator or its delegate shall be final and binding on all persons, unless found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be arbitrary and capricious. The Plan Administrator also will allow you to review the formal Plan document and other materials related to the Plan.

The Employer has designated the following person or persons to take on the responsibilities of Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about the Plan or your benefits under the Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

Name: The Administrative Committee

Address: 510 Ocean Avenue

City, State, Zip Code: Portland, ME 04103

Telephone number: 207-773-6471

#### Service of Legal Process:

Service of legal process may be made upon the Employer at the address listed above.

#### Effective Date of Plan:

This Plan is a restatement of an existing Plan to comply with current law. This Plan was originally effective January 1, 2009. However, unless designated otherwise, the provisions of the Plan as set forth in this Summary are effective as of July 1, 2017.

#### Plan Year:

Many of the provisions of the Plan are applied on the basis of the Plan Year. For this purpose the Plan Year is the calendar year running from January 1 – December 31.

#### Plan Compensation:

In applying the contribution formulas under the Plan (as described in Section 4 below), your contributions may be determined based on Plan Compensation. For this purpose, Plan Compensation is based on compensation earned during the Plan Year. However, in determining Plan Compensation, no amount will be taken into account to the extent such compensation exceeds the compensation dollar limit set forth under IRS rules. For 2017, the compensation dollar limit is \$270,000. Thus, for plan years beginning in 2017, no contribution may be made under the Plan with respect to Plan Compensation above \$270,000. For subsequent plan years, the contribution dollar limit may be adjusted for cost-of-living increases.

#### Normal Retirement Age:

You will reach Normal Retirement Age under the Plan when you turn age 65.

# ARTICLE 3 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

**Type of Plan.** This Plan is a special type of retirement plan commonly referred to as a 403(b) plan. Under the Plan, you may choose to have a specific percentage or dollar amount withheld from your salary and have such amount deposited directly into a 403(b) account on your behalf. This pre-tax contribution is called a "Salary Deferral." As a pre-tax contribution, you do not have to pay any income tax while your Salary Deferrals are held in the Plan, and any earnings on your Salary Deferrals are not taxed while they stay in the Plan. You also may choose to make contributions to the Plan on an after-tax basis, by designating your Salary Deferrals as Roth Deferrals. While you are taxed on a Roth Deferral in the year you contribute to the Plan, you will not be taxed on the contribution or earnings attributable to Roth Deferrals under the Plan when you elect to withdraw your Roth amounts from the Plan, as long as your withdrawal is a qualified distribution. See the discussion of Roth Deferrals under Article 4 below.

This 403(b) Plan is intended to qualify under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is not subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). Because it is a 403(b) plan, benefits are not insured by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

# ARTICLE 4 PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

The Plan provides for the contributions listed below. Article 5 discusses the requirements you must satisfy to receive the contributions described in this Article 4. Article 7 describes the vesting rules applicable to your plan benefits. Special rules also may apply if you leave employment to enter qualified military service. See your Plan Administrator if you have questions regarding the rules that apply if you are on military leave.

#### **Salary Deferrals**

If you have satisfied the conditions for participating under the Plan (as described in Article 5 below) you are eligible to make Salary Deferrals to the Plan. To begin making Salary Deferrals, you must complete a Salary Reduction Agreement requesting that a portion of your compensation be contributed to the Plan instead of being paid to you as wages. Any Salary Deferrals you make to the Plan will be invested in accordance with the Plan's investment policies.

**Pre-Tax Salary Deferrals.** If you make Salary Deferrals to the Plan, you will not have to pay income taxes on such amounts or on any earnings until you withdraw those amounts from the Plan.

Consider the following examples:

- If you earn \$30,000 a year, are in the 15% tax bracket, are eligible to participate in the Plan and you elect to save 3% (or \$900) of your salary under the 403(b) Plan this year, you would save \$135 in Federal income taxes (15% of \$900 = \$135).
- If you earn \$30,000 a year, are in the 15% tax bracket, are eligible to participate in the Plan, and you elect to save 5% (or \$1,500) of your salary under the 403(b) Plan this year, you would save \$225 in Federal income taxes (15% of \$1,500 = \$225).
- If you earn \$30,000 a year, are in the 15% tax bracket, are eligible to participate in the Plan and you elect to save 8% (or \$2,400) of your salary under the 403(b) Plan this year, you would save \$360 in Federal income taxes (15% of \$2,400 = \$360).

As you can see, the more you are able to put away in the Plan and the higher your tax bracket, the greater your tax savings will be. In addition, if the amount of your Salary Deferrals grows due to investment earnings, you will not have to pay any Federal income taxes on those earnings until such time as you withdraw those amounts from the Plan.

Roth Deferrals. You also may be able to avoid taxation on earnings under the Plan by designating your Salary Deferrals as Roth Deferrals. Roth Deferrals are a form of Salary Deferral but, instead of being contributed on a pre-tax basis, you must pay income tax currently on such deferrals. However, provided you satisfy the distribution requirements applicable to Roth Deferrals (as discussed in Article 8 below), you will not have to pay any income taxes at the time you withdraw your Roth Deferrals from the Plan, including amounts attributable to earnings. Thus, if you take a qualified distribution (as described in Article 8) your entire distribution may be withdrawn tax-free. You should discuss the relative advantages of pre-tax Salary Deferrals and Roth Deferrals with a financial advisor before deciding how much to designate as pre-tax Salary Deferrals and Roth Deferrals.

**Salary Reduction Agreement.** You may not begin making Salary Deferrals under the Plan until you complete a Salary Reduction Agreement. You may request a Salary Reduction Agreement from your Employer or other designated Plan representative. The Salary Reduction Agreement will permit you to designate how much you wish to defer into the Plan.

Change of election. You can increase or decrease the amount of your Salary Deferrals as of a designated election date, as specified in the Salary Reduction Agreement. Generally, you may revoke an existing Salary Reduction Agreement and stop making Salary Deferrals at any time. Any change you make to a Salary Reduction Agreement will become effective as of the next designated election date, and will remain in effect until modified or canceled during a subsequent election period.

**Special rules.** The following special rules apply for purposes of determining the amount of Salary Deferrals that may be made under the Plan: Deemed §125 Compensation is excluded from eligible compensation for Salary Deferrals.

#### **Rollover Contributions**

If you have an account balance in another qualified retirement plan or an IRA, you may move those amounts into this Plan, without incurring any tax liability, by means of a "rollover" contribution. You are always 100% vested in any amounts you contribute to the Plan as a rollover from another qualified plan or IRA. This means that you will always be entitled to all amounts in your rollover account. Rollover contributions will be affected by any investment gains or losses under the Plan.

You may accomplish a rollover in one of two ways. You may ask your prior plan administrator or trustee to directly roll over to this Plan all or a portion of any amount which you are entitled to receive as a distribution from your prior plan. Alternatively, if you receive a distribution from your prior plan, you may elect to deposit into this plan any amount eligible for rollover within 60 days of your receipt of the distribution. Any rollover to the Plan will be credited to your Rollover Contribution Account. You will be able to withdraw the amounts in your rollover account at any time.

Generally, the Plan will accept a rollover contribution from another qualified retirement plan or IRA. The Plan may have separate procedures limiting the type of rollover contributions it will accept. For example, the Plan Administrator may impose restrictions on the acceptance of after-tax contributions or Salary Deferrals (including Roth Deferrals) or may restrict rollovers from particular types of plans. In addition, the Employer may, in its discretion, apply restrictions on the acceptance of rollover contributions if you are not currently a participant in the Plan. In no event will these procedures be applied in a discriminatory manner.

If you have questions about whether you can roll over a prior plan distribution, please contact the Employer or other designated Plan representative.

# ARTICLE 5 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

This Article sets forth the requirements you must satisfy to participate under the Plan. To qualify as a participant under the Plan, you must:

- be an Eligible Employee
- satisfy the Plan's minimum age and service conditions and
- satisfy any allocation conditions required under the Plan.

#### **Eligible Employee**

To participate under the Plan, you must be an Eligible Employee. For this purpose, you are considered an Eligible Employee if you are an employee of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, provided you are not otherwise excluded from the Plan.

#### Minimum Age and Service Requirements

If you are an Eligible Employee, you are able to make Salary Deferrals into the Plan. There are no minimum age or service requirements to make Salary Deferrals.

#### **Allocation Conditions**

**Salary Deferrals.** You do not need to satisfy any additional allocation conditions to make Salary Deferrals under the Plan. If you satisfy the eligibility conditions described above, you will be eligible to make Salary Deferrals, regardless of how many hours you work during the year or whether you terminate employment during the year. However, you may not continue to make Salary Deferrals after you terminate employment.

# ARTICLE 6 LIMIT ON CONTRIBUTIONS

The IRS imposes limits on the amount of contributions you may receive under this Plan, as described below.

**IRS limits on Salary Deferrals.** The IRS imposes limits on the amount you can contribute as Salary Deferrals during a calendar year. For 2017, the maximum deferral limit is \$18,000. For years after 2017, the maximum deferral limit may be adjusted annually for cost-of-living adjustments. In addition, if you are at least age 50 by December 31 of the calendar year, you also may make a special catch-up contribution in addition to the maximum deferral limit described above. For 2017, the catch-up contribution limit is \$6,000. For years after 2017, the catch-up contribution limit may be adjusted annually for cost-of living adjustment.

Example. If you are at least age 50 by December 31, 2017, the maximum Salary Deferral you may make for the 2017 calendar year would be \$24,000 (that is, \$18,000 maximum deferral limit plus \$6,000 catchup contribution limit).

In addition, if you have at least 15 years of service, you may be entitled to make a special catch-up contribution based on how much you have deferred in prior years. This special catch-up contribution is only available for employees of certain educational organizations, hospitals, health and welfare service agencies, or church-related organizations. Please contact your Plan representative if you have any questions about this special catch-up contribution.

The IRS deferral limit applies to all Salary Deferrals you make in a given calendar year to this Plan or any other cash or deferred arrangement (including a cash or deferred arrangement maintained by an unrelated employer). For this purpose, cash or deferred arrangements include 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans, or simplified employee pension (SEP) plans.

If you make Salary Deferrals for a given year in excess of the deferral limit described above under this Plan or another plan maintained by the Employer (or any other employer maintaining this Plan), you will automatically receive a distribution of the excess amount and associated earnings by April 15. If you make Salary Deferrals for a given year in excess of the deferral limit described above because you made Salary Deferrals under this Plan and a plan of an unrelated employer not maintaining this Plan, you must ask one of the plans to refund the excess amount to you. If you wish to take a refund from this Plan, you must notify the Employer (or other designated Plan representative), in writing, by March 1 of the next calendar year so the excess amount and related earnings may be refunded by April 15. The excess amount is taxable for the year in which you made the excess deferral. If you fail to request a refund, you will be subject to taxation in two separate years: once in the year of deferral and again in the year the excess amount is actually paid to you.

**IRS limit on total contributions under the Plan.** The IRS imposes a maximum limit on the total amount of contributions you may receive under this Plan. This limit applies to all contributions we make on your behalf, all contributions you contribute to the Plan, and any forfeitures allocated to any of your accounts during the year. Under this limit, the total of all contributions under the Plan cannot exceed a specific dollar amount or 100% of your annual compensation, whichever is less. For 2017, the specific dollar limit is \$54,000. (For years after 2017, this amount may be increased for inflation.) For purposes of applying the 100% of compensation limit, your annual compensation includes all taxable compensation, increased for any Salary Deferrals you may make under this 403(b) plan and any other pre-tax contributions you may make to a plan such as a cafeteria plan.

**Example:** Suppose in 2017 you earn compensation of \$50,000 (after reduction for pre-tax 403(b) plan contributions of \$5,000). Your compensation for purposes of the overall contribution limit is \$55,000 (\$50,000 + \$5,000 of pre-tax deferrals). The maximum amount of contributions you may receive under the Plan for 2017 is \$54,000 (the lesser of \$54,000 or 100% of \$55,000).

# ARTICLE 7 DETERMINATION OF VESTED BENEFIT

**Vested account balance.** When you take a distribution of your benefits under the Plan, you are only entitled to withdraw your *vested* account balance. For this purpose, your *vested* account balance is the amount held under the Plan on your behalf for which you have earned an ownership interest. You earn an ownership interest in your Plan benefits if you have earned enough service with us to become *vested* based on the Plan's vesting schedule. If you terminate employment before you become fully vested in any of your Plan benefits, those non-vested amounts may be forfeited. (See below for a discussion of the forfeiture rules that apply if you terminate with a non-vested benefit under the Plan.)

The following describes the vesting schedule applicable to contributions under the Plan.

• Salary Deferrals. You are always 100% vested in your Salary Deferrals. In other words, you have complete ownership rights to your Salary Deferrals under the Plan.

**Protection of vested benefit.** Once you are vested in your benefits under the Plan, you have an ownership right to those amounts. While you may not be able to immediately withdraw your vested benefits from the Plan due to the distribution restrictions described under Article 8 below, you generally will never lose your right to those vested amounts. However, it is possible that your benefits under the Plan will decrease as a result of investment losses. If your benefits decrease because of investment losses, you will only be entitled to the vested amount in your account at the time of distribution.

# ARTICLE 8 PLAN DISTRIBUTIONS

The Plan contains detailed rules regarding when you can receive a distribution of your benefits from the Plan. As discussed in Article 7 above, if you qualify for a Plan distribution, you will only receive your vested benefits. This Article 8 describes when you may request a distribution and the tax effects of such a distribution.

**Distribution upon termination of employment.** When you terminate employment, you may be entitled to a distribution from the Plan. The availability of a distribution will depend on the amount of your vested account balance.

• Vested account balance in excess of \$5,000. If your total vested account balance exceeds \$5,000 at the time you terminate employment, you may receive a distribution from the Plan as soon as administratively feasible following your termination of employment. You must request a distribution on the appropriate forms before a distribution will be made to you. If you do not consent to a distribution of your vested account balance, your balance will remain in the Plan. If you receive a distribution of your vested benefits when you are only partially vested in your Plan benefits, your non-vested benefits will be forfeited.

You may elect to take your distribution in any of the following forms. Prior to receiving a distribution from the Plan, you will receive a distribution package that will describe the distribution options that are available to you.

- Lump sum. You may elect to take a distribution of your entire vested account balance in a lump sum. In addition, you may take a distribution of only a portion of your vested account balance. If you take a lump sum distribution, you may elect to roll over all (or any portion) of your distribution to an IRA or to another qualified plan. See the Special Tax Notice, which you may obtain from the Plan Administrator, for more information regarding your ability to roll over your plan distribution.
- Vested account balance of \$5,000 or less. If your total vested account balance under the Plan is \$5,000 or less at the time you terminate employment, you will be eligible to receive a distribution of your entire vested account balance in a lump sum as soon as administratively feasible following your termination of employment. If you receive a distribution of your vested benefits when you are partially vested in your Plan benefits, your non-vested benefits will be forfeited.

You may elect to receive your distribution in cash or you may elect to roll over your distribution to an IRA or to another qualified plan. If your total vested benefit under the Plan is \$5,000 or less when you terminate employment and you do not consent to a distribution of your vested account balance, your vested benefit will remain in the Plan until such time as you consent to a distribution or your benefit can be distributed from the Plan without consent. Further information regarding the Plan's distribution procedures will be provided at the time you terminate employment.

**In-service distributions.** You may withdraw vested amounts from the Plan while you are still employed with us, but only if you satisfy the Plan's requirements for in-service distributions. Under the Plan, you may take an in-service distribution upon any of the following events:

- You are at least age 59.5 at the time of the distribution.
- You have incurred a hardship, as described below.
- You have become disabled (as defined in the Plan).

No in-service distribution of Salary Deferrals may be made prior to age 59½ (other than a distribution on account of hardship). Thus, regardless of any in-service distribution provisions under the Plan, you may not request an in-service distribution of amounts attributable to your Salary Deferrals under the Plan prior to attaining age 59½ (other than a distribution on account of hardship).

In addition, you may withdraw amounts attributable to Rollover Contributions at any time.

**Hardship distribution.** To receive a distribution on account of hardship, you must demonstrate one of the following hardship events.

- (1) You need the distribution to pay unpaid medical expenses for yourself, your spouse or any dependent.
- You need the distribution to pay for the purchase of your principal residence. You must use the hardship distribution for the purchase of your principal residence. You may not receive a hardship distribution solely to make mortgage payments.
- (3) You need the distribution to pay tuition and related educational fees (including room and board) for the post-secondary education of yourself, your spouse, your children, or other dependent. You may take a hardship distribution to cover up to 12 months of tuition and related fees.
- (4) You need the distribution to prevent your eviction or to prevent foreclosure on your mortgage. The eviction or foreclosure must be related to your principal residence.
- (5) You need the distribution to pay funeral or burial expenses for your deceased parent, spouse, child or dependent.
- (6) You need the distribution to pay expenses to repair damage to your principal residence (provided the expenses would qualify for a casualty loss deduction on your tax return, without regard to 10% adjusted gross income limit).

In addition, a hardship event described under (1), (3) or (5) above may also be determined with respect to a primary beneficiary under the Plan. For this purpose, a primary beneficiary is an individual who is named as a beneficiary under the Plan and has an unconditional right to all or a portion of a participant's benefit upon the death of the participant.

Before you may receive a hardship distribution, you must demonstrate the existence of one of the above hardship events.

In addition, if you have other distributions or loans available under this Plan (or any other plan we may maintain) you must take such distributions or loans *before* requesting a hardship distribution. Upon receiving a hardship distribution, you will be suspended from making any further Salary Deferrals for six months following the receipt of your hardship distribution.

You may not receive a hardship distribution of more than you need to satisfy your hardship. In calculating your maximum hardship distribution, you may include any amounts necessary to pay federal, state or local income taxes or penalties reasonably anticipated to result from the distribution.

**Required distributions.** If you have not begun taking distributions before you attain your Required Beginning Date, the Plan generally must commence distributions to you as of such date. For this purpose, your Required Beginning Date is April 1 following the end of the calendar year in which you attain age 70½ or terminate employment, whichever is later. (For 5% owners, the Required Beginning Date is April 1 following the calendar year in which you attain age 70½, even if you are still employed.)

Once you attain your Required Beginning Date, distributions will commence as required under the Plan. You will be notified of the amount you are required to receive once you attain your Required Beginning Date.

**Distributions upon death.** If you should die before taking a distribution of your entire vested account balance, your remaining benefit will be distributed to your beneficiary or beneficiaries, as designated on the appropriate designated beneficiary election form.

If you are married, your spouse generally is treated as your beneficiary, unless you and your spouse properly designate an alternative beneficiary to receive your benefits under the Plan. If you do not designate a beneficiary to receive your benefits upon death, your benefits will be distributed first to your spouse. If you have no spouse at the time of death, your benefits will be distributed equally to your children. If you have no children at the time of your death, your benefits will be distributed to your estate. For this purpose, any designation of your spouse as designated beneficiary is automatically revoked upon a formal divorce decree

# ARTICLE 10 PARTICIPANT LOANS

The Plan permits Participants to take a loan from the Plan. Thus, you may take a loan from your vested benefits under the Plan. The Plan Administrator will develop procedures for administering Participant loans, including the establishment of procedures for applying for a loan and limits on the total amount of loan proceeds that may be outstanding at any time. For more information regarding the procedures for receiving a Participant loan, please contact the Plan Administrator.

### ARTICLE 11 PLAN AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

**Plan amendments.** We have the authority to amend this Plan at any time. Any amendment, including the restatement of an existing Plan, may not decrease your vested benefit under the Plan, except to the extent permitted under the Internal Revenue Code, and may not reduce or eliminate any "protected benefits" (except as provided under the Internal Revenue Code or any regulation issued thereunder) determined immediately prior to the adoption or effective date of the amendment (whichever is later). However, we may amend the Plan at any time to increase, decrease or eliminate benefits on a prospective basis.

Plan termination. Although we expect to maintain this Plan indefinitely, we have the ability to terminate the Plan at any time. For this purpose, termination includes a complete discontinuance of contributions under the Plan or a partial termination. If the Plan is terminated, all amounts credited to your account shall become 100% vested, regardless of the Plan's current vesting schedule. In the event of the termination of the Plan, you are entitled to a distribution of your entire vested benefit. Such distribution shall be made directly to you or, at your direction, may be transferred directly to another qualified retirement plan or IRA. If you do not consent to a distribution of your benefit upon termination of the Plan, your vested benefit will be transferred directly to an IRA established for your benefit. Except as permitted by Internal Revenue Service regulations, the termination of the Plan shall not result in any reduction of protected benefits.

A partial termination may occur if either a Plan amendment or severance from service excludes a group of employees who were previously covered by this Plan. Whether a partial termination has occurred will depend on the facts and circumstances of each case. If a partial termination occurs, only those Participants who cease participation due to the partial termination will become 100% vested. You will be advised if a partial termination occurs and how such partial termination affects you as a Participant.

# ARTICLE 12 CLAIM PROCEDURES

Claim for benefits. If you feel you are entitled to benefits under the Plan that have not been paid, you may submit to the Plan Administrator a written claim for benefits. Your request for Plan benefits will be considered a claim for Plan benefits, and it will be subject to a full and fair review. The Plan Administrator will evaluate your claim (including all relevant documents and records you submit to support your claim) to determine if benefits are payable to you under the terms of the Plan. The Plan Administrator may solicit additional information from you if necessary to evaluate the claim.

If the Plan Administrator determines the claim is valid, then you will receive a statement describing the amount of benefit, the method or methods of payment, the timing of distributions and other information relevant to the payment of the benefit.

If the Plan Administrator denies all or any portion of your claim, you will receive within a reasonable period of time (not to exceed 90 days after receipt of the claim form), a written or electronic notice setting forth the reasons for the denial (including references to the specific provisions of the Plan on which the decision is based), a description of any additional information needed to perfect your claim, and the steps you must take to submit the claim for review. If the Plan Administrator determines that special circumstances require an

extension of time for processing your claim, it may extend the 90-day period described in the prior sentence to 180 days, provided the Plan Administrator provides you with written notice of the extension and prior to the expiration of the original 90-day period. The extension notice will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which the Plan Administrator expects to render its decision.

If the Plan Administrator denies your claim, you will have 60 days from the date you receive notice of the denial of your claim to appeal the adverse decision of the Plan Administrator. You may submit to the Plan Administrator written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim for benefits. You will be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim. The Plan Administrator's review of the claim and of its denial of the claim shall take into account all comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim, without regard to whether these materials were submitted or considered by the Plan Administrator in its initial decision on the claim. If the Plan Administrator denies your claim for benefits upon review, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

If the Plan Administrator makes a final written determination denying your claim for benefits, you may commence legal or equitable action with respect to the denied claim upon completion of the claims procedures outlined under the Plan. Any legal or equitable action must be commenced no later than the earlier of 180 days following the date of the final determination or three years following the proof of loss. If you fail to commence legal or equitable action with respect to a denied claim within the above timeframe, you will be deemed to have accepted the Plan Administrator's final decision with respect to the claim for benefits.

If your claim is based on disability benefits, different claim procedures and deadlines will apply. If your benefits are provided or administered by an insurance company, insurance service, or other similar organization which is subject to regulation under the insurance laws, the claims procedure relating to those benefits may provide for review. If so, that company, service, or organization will be the entity to which claims are addressed. Ask the Plan Administrator if you have any questions regarding the proper person or entity to address claims or the deadlines for making a claim for benefits.

# ADDENDUM ADDITIONAL SUMMARY PROVISIONS

**Special rules.** In addition to the provisions described in this Summary, the following special rules apply: Although contract exchanges and plan-to-plan transfers are permitted into the Plan, they will not be permitted from this Plan.

#### IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

If your plan offers a stable value investment option, there are unique features of this plan investment option that you should understand. Certain stable value investment alternatives, including the guaranteed interest account ("GIA") (also referred to as the fixed account or general account), separate account guaranteed interest account ("SAGIC") and Capital Preservation Account, provide for a fixed crediting rate that is reset on a periodic basis, at least annually.

Participants' accounts invested in the GIA, SAGIC or Capital Preservation Account will be paid out at book value for participant-initiated transactions, such as transfers to other investment options, loans and distribution in the event of hardship and upon a participant's retirement, death, disability and certain separations from service. The amount in your retirement account invested in these options will be reported on your participant statements and on the participant website at book value.

However, if the GIA, SAGIC, Capital Preservation Account or Stable Return (Wells Fargo) investment options are ever fully or partially terminated (for example, employer initiated terminations such as a lay-off or a sale of all or a part of the business), special rules apply. For example, under the GIA or SAGIC, when the investment option is fully or partially terminated you receive the "liquidation value" of your investment, which may either be more or less than the book value. As a result of this adjustment, a participant's account

balance may either be increased or decreased at the time of the termination. Alternatively, under the Capital Preservation Account or Stable Return (Wells Fargo), when the investment option is fully or partially terminated withdrawals attributable to the stable value investment are paid out without application of a market value adjustment, but the withdrawal may be deferred for a period of up to twenty-four months.

The stable value investment alternative that is available under your Plan, if any, and the special rules that apply upon full or partial termination of the investment option are more fully explained in the stable value investment's applicable investment profile or prospectus (regulatory publication). You may obtain an investment profile or prospectus from your plan sponsor, by visiting www.retiresmart.com or by contacting MassMutual's automated phone line at 1-800-743-5274 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET. Please review this information carefully before investing.

To the extent Plan assets are invested through the medium of an investment contract issued by MassMutual, MassMutual is considered to be the Plan's funding agent. However, MassMutual is not an investment fiduciary with respect to those assets.

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