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# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Mr. SMITH.

Referred to Committee on Revision and Amendment of the Laws.

A FURTHER SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled "An act to incorporate trustees of religious societies," approved April ninth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1 1. Every Roman Catholic Church or congregation incorporated by virtue of  
2 any law of this State shall, without limit, in the name of the said incorporation,  
3 have power and be able and capable to acquire, purchase, receive, have and hold any  
4 lands, tenements, leases, legacies, devises, donations, moneys, goods and chattels of  
5 all kinds, church edifices, schoolhouses, college buildings, parsonages, sisters' houses,  
6 hospitals, orphan asylums, reformatories and all other kinds of religious, ecclesi-  
7 astical, educational and charitable institutions, and the lands whereon the same are  
8 or may be erected, and cemeteries or burying places, and any lands, tenements and  
9 hereditaments suitable for any or all of said purposes; and the same or any part  
10 thereof to lease, sell, grant, assign, demise, alien and dispose of; to sue and be sued,  
11 plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity; to make and use a common  
12 seal, and the same to alter and renew at their pleasure; to have perpetual succession  
13 as such corporation; to make by-laws and rules not inconsistent with the laws of  
14 this State, or of the United States, for the regulation and management of their  
15 affairs, properties and insitutions; to appoint such officers, agents and employees as  
16 they may require for the properties, institutions and business of the corporation; to

17 borrow money from time to time for the purposes of the corporation, and to give  
18 bonds and mortgages therefor on any part or parts of its property, and to have the  
19 management, direction and control of all the civil and temporal affairs of such con-  
20 gregation, church, or parish; to exercise any corporate powers necessary and proper  
21 to the carrying out of the above-enumerated powers, and to the carrying out of the  
22 purposes of such corporation and its institutions.

1        2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT.

The above bill is for the purpose of conferring on the Roman Catholic churches of this State certain powers which have been given to other churches. There is some question about their authority to carry on certain charities at the present time.