

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

John Doe #53, John Doe 66, John Doe 66A, John Doe 67, Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 and Rachel Roe, individually and as representative of a class of people similarly situated, Plaintiffs,

Of whom class members Julie McDonald, Richard McDonald, and Allen Sires are the Appellants,

v.

The Bishop of Charleston, a Corporation Sole, and The Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, in his official capacity, Respondents.

Appellate Case No. 2023-000720

ORDER

After careful consideration, Appellant Allen Sires's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is denied. See *Martin v. State*, 321 S.C. 533, 535, 471 S.E.2d 134, 134-35 (1995) ("In the absence of a statutory provision allowing the general waiver of filing fees, we conclude motions to proceed in forma pauperis may only be granted where specifically authorized by statute or required by constitutional provisions."). Appellant Sires must pay the filing fee within fifteen days of the date of this order.

Respondents' motion to dismiss Appellant Sires's appeal is denied. However, nothing in this order prevents the parties from addressing the issue of standing in their briefs.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

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