



Diocesan Pastoral Council Statutes

1. I hereby establish the following statutes of the Diocesan Pastoral Council in the Diocese of Cleveland.
 2. The statutes of the Diocesan Pastoral Council promulgated on 18th February 2015 are abrogated.
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3. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body (can. 514, §1, *CIC*), existing to study and weigh matters concerning pastoral works in the Diocese, and to propose practical conclusions (can. 511, *CIC*).
 - a. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is to be conducted in a synodal manner that involves carefully listening to each member, but most especially to the Holy Spirit who gives ultimate guidance to the discernment of the Council.
 4. The diocesan bishop is to preside over the Diocesan Pastoral Council (can. 514, §1, *CIC*) and must be present at all its meetings.
 5. The diocesan bishop may, at his discretion, designate individual members to assist his management of the Council in these roles:
 - a. Council Coordinator
 - i. Assists in developing the agenda for and facilitates meetings, sends meeting reminders, and shares meeting summaries with members as needed.
 - b. Assistant Council Coordinator
 - i. Shares in the Council Coordinator's work and performs those responsibilities in the absence of the Council Coordinator.
 - c. Recording Secretary
 - i. Takes written notes during meetings to record the Council's discussions in either minutes or summaries of the meeting as directed by the diocesan bishop.
 - ii. Preserves the minutes or summaries of all meetings, transmitting them no less than each year to the diocesan archives.
 6. The members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council are:
 - a. The Deanery Chairpersons, *durante munere* and *ex officio*; and
 - b. Up to six additional members who may be appointed by the diocesan bishop at his discretion.
 7. The determinate time period of the Council (can. 513, §1, *CIC*), and the term of office of the members, is the same as the term of office of the Deanery Chairpersons; that is, each three years from July 1, 2024.
 8. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is to meet at least once per year (can. 514, §2, *CIC*). Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the bishop.
 9. These statutes are promulgated by their mention in the next issue of the *Diocesan Memorandum*.
 10. These norms come into effect 1 November 2025.

Given at Cleveland, Ohio, this 1st day of November 2025

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Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL
Bishop of Cleveland

Rev. Arnold P. Dikens

Notary