



Episcopal Council

- 1) I hereby establish within the Diocese of Cleveland an Episcopal Council (cf. can. 473 §4).
- 2) The members of the Episcopal Council are ex-officio including the offices of the:
 - a) diocesan bishop,
 - b) moderator of the curia,
 - c) vicar(s) general,
 - d) judicial vicar,
 - e) vicar for clergy and religious,
 - f) secretary for parish life and special ministries,
 - g) auxiliary bishop(s)
 - h) deans.
- 3) The Episcopal Council is called and convened by the diocesan bishop and will meet, as needed, to:
 - a) Hear directly from the bishop regarding his vision for parish life and expectations for interparish cooperation,
 - b) oversee implementation of pastoral initiatives at the deanery level,
 - c) coordinate and promote pastoral activity within the deaneries,
 - d) coordinate communication with the people and parish staff of the deanery,
 - e) respond to issues that may arise within the deanery that impact the life and ministry of the diocese.
- 4) Members of the Episcopal Council serve for the duration of the terms of their office. Upon loss of office, for any reason, the member loses appointment to the Episcopal Council concurrent to their loss of office.

Promulgation and effect

- 5) These norms are to be promulgated via notice given in the Diocesan Memorandum and notified as soon as possible to the clergy of the diocese.
- 6) These norms take effect on 1 September 2024.

Given at Cleveland, Ohio, this 16 April 2024

Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL
Bishop of Cleveland

Chancellor