



Diocesan Pastoral Council

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Representative groups of different sizes and constituencies convene in assembly in each of the regions of the Diocese from two to four times yearly to discuss and recommend policies or actions to the Diocesan Pastoral Council and on occasion to the member parishes. At times these assemblies are educational, consultative, information-sharing.

3. Parish Councils

The Ordinary has mandated parish councils for every parish of the Diocese. These groups are comprised of a majority of elected parishioners, delegate(s) of the Sisters or parish staff and the priests ex-officio. Nearly all meet monthly except during the Summer.

The principal functions of the Parish Councils are parish planning and financing, ministerial programming through committees and review of activities of the parish. They are a center of focus for the Christian community and, together with the priests and staff provide the basic leadership for the parish community.

4. Diocesan Assembly

The last wide "form of participation of the People of God" was a Diocesan consultation on the resolutions proposed to the NCCB by the Call to Action Conference in Detroit in October of 1976. 93% of the parishes, 100% of the regions, the Diocesan Pastoral Council, 23 other groups, 700 letters, and 2,500 voting ballots indicate the extent of the participation. The results of the consultation were distributed to the NCCB by the Ordinary in May of 1977 and the Ordinary prepared Diocesan goals for '77-'79 in light of the consultation wisdom gleaned from the people of the Diocese.

Diocesan Tribunal

5. The Rochester, New York Diocese does have its own properly constituted Tribunal. However, it cannot render second instance judgments.

The names and academic degrees of the Officialis and other Judges, the Promoter of Justice, and the Defender of the Bond are:

Officialis: Rev. Robert F. O'Neill, A.B., M.Div., M.Ch.A.
 Vice-Officialis: Rev. William M. Hart, Ph.D.
 Rev. R. Richard Brickler, A.B.
 Other Judges: Most Rev. Dennis W. Hickey, D.D.
 Most Rev. John E. McCafferty, D.D., J.C.D.
 Rev. Msgr. Francis B. Burns, S.T.D., D.D.
 Rev. Michael F. Conboy, A.B.
 Rev. Donald J. Curtiss, A.B., J.C.B.
 Rev. Joseph W. Dailey, A.B.
 Rev. William J. Flynn, A.B.
 Rev. William J. Graf, M.Th., M.A., M.Ed.
 Rev. Msgr. Gerard C. Krieg, J.C.L.
 Rev. John A. Lynch, A.B.
 Rev. John S. Maloney, A.B.
 Rev. James M. Moynihan, S.T.L., J.C.D.
 Rev. John Mulligan, A.B.
 Rev. Msgr. James Emmett Murphy, S.T.L.
 Rev. John A. Reddington, S.T.D.
 Rev. Paul G. Wohlrab, A.B.
 Promoter of Justice: Rev. William J. Flynn, A.B.
 Defenders of the Bond: Rev. William J. Flynn, A.B.
 Rev. James E. Tierney, A.B.

Two of the Judges have doctorates in Canon Law. The Officialis and one Vice-Officialis and one Judge are presently free from other duties. All other personnel have other varying duties.

The Secretary of the Tribunal is the Rev. Donald J. Curtiss who is currently studying and is a candidate for a Licentiate in Canon Law. Mrs. Barbara Pedeville and Mrs. Mary Donoghue, lay secretaries, function as notaries.

The names and academic titles of the Advocates are as follows:

Priests:
 Rev. Peter T. Bayer, A.B., M.Div., M.Th.
 Rev. James E. Boyle, A.B.
 Rev. Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi, J.C.D.

Rev. William J. Flynn, A.B.
 Rev. Msgr. Gerard C. Krieg, J.C.L.
 Most Rev. John E. McCafferty, D.D., J.C.D.
 Rev. James M. Moynihan, S.T.L., J.C.D.
 Rev. John Mulligan, A.B.

Sister: Sister Anne Helene, B.S., M.S.

The prescriptions of law for nullity cases in Marriage are observed.

Customary Fees:

a) Formal Case: \$200.

Should medical expert be required, his fee is added to the \$200 and paid through the Tribunal.

b) Informal cases: \$50

c) Pauline Privilege: \$50

d) Defect of Form: \$20

The fees collected from the parties help defray about 3/4 of the total expenses of the Tribunal. The remainder of the running expenses are paid by the Diocese. The full-time Tribunal staff receive salaries in conformity to diocesan regulations. Part-time personnel, such as pro-synodal Judges Advocates, and Procurators, render their services gratis. Fees are reduced, even removed entirely on verification of the Petitioner's financial difficulties, usually through consultation with the Petitioner's pastor.

The Tribunal is the Court of last appeal in due process procedures of the Diocese.

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GENERAL RELIGIOUS SITUATION

1. To mark the Sixth Anniversary of my Episcopal Ordination (November 28, 1975) I published my pastoral letter, YOU ARE LIVING STONES, which expresses my vision and pastoral concern for the Church in Rochester. In the Summer of 1977 I issued FOCUS ON THE YEAR 1977-1978 which outlines significant accomplishments of the Church and new directions and concerns in ministry. These Pastoral Letters are to be found in the Appendix of this report.

2. & 3. As chief teacher and pastor of the Diocese, it has been my privilege to participate in:
 37 Radio Talks

11 T.V. Appearances
 15 Masses on Television
 17 Ecumenical Meetings
 5 Ecumenical Services

In addition to my own personal involvement with the Communications Media, several of our clergy conduct weekly Radio Programs throughout our twelve county diocese, which serve to educate our faithful people in their Catholic faith.

The daily recitation of the Rosary continues to be broadcast on the Radio each evening.

4. **Doctrinal Problems in the Diocese:** Second Vatican Council has had a profound influence in the Diocese of Rochester. The most evident signs of this are the revitalization of Liturgy and the sacraments and a new appreciation of the Church as the People of God. Further, with some pain and hesitancy the Catholic people, as Church, are beginning to implement some of the approaches contained in the Church in the modern world.

The most evident difficulty in the Church of Rochester centers around a misunderstanding of the role of authority in the Church. Many Catholics had had a legalistic interpretation of the teaching authority of the pope, the bishops and the Church in general. With the anti-institutional trend in society, the Diocese of Rochester is troubled by those who see the authority of the Church as an attempt by institutions to dominate their lives and tell them what to do. They do not see this authority as a pastoral grace offering them light on the meaning of life and genuine wisdom in regard to moral practices.

Further, there is a new trend toward the individual person establishing his or her own relationship with God and not being tied into some institution or community to mediate that presence of God. The structure of the Church is sometimes seen as a bureaucratic encumbrance restraining the Christian.

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