

§1700 EPISCOPAL COUNCIL

§1701 IN GENERAL

1701.1. Policy In order to foster more suitable pastoral activity and to assist the Archbishop in the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese, there shall be an Episcopal Council consisting of the Vicar(s) General and the Episcopal Vicars who are Auxiliary Bishops (c. 473, §4). In considering matters of major importance, especially of a pastoral character, the Archbishop shall consult his Auxiliary Bishops before others (c. 407, §2).

Procedures

- a)** The Archbishop and the Vicar General or their delegate(s) serve as the Presiding Officer (President) and Chairman of the Episcopal Council, respectively.
- b)** Other persons may attend all or part of the Episcopal Council meeting to address specific agenda items in their sphere of competence or area of responsibility at the invitation or approval of the Archbishop or the Vicar General.
- c)** The agenda for the Episcopal Council meetings is to be determined by the Archbishop with the assistance of the Vicar General. Any member of the Episcopal Council may submit suggested items for the agenda to the Vicar General.
- d)** Minutes of the meetings of the Episcopal Council normally are to be kept by the junior auxiliary bishop.
- e)** Regular meetings of the Episcopal Council are to be held monthly at a location as determined by the Archbishop or the Vicar General.