

**DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH
DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL**

STATUTES

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this body shall be the *Finance Council of the Diocese of Pittsburgh* hereafter called the Diocesan Finance Council.

ARTICLE II –PURPOSE

The Diocesan Finance Council is established in accordance with the norms of the *Code of Canon Law* and shall offer counsel and consent over those matters entrusted to it by either the universal law of the Church or the Diocesan Bishop.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The Diocesan Finance Council shall be composed of at least six appointed members of the Christian Faithful representative of the six counties that are part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The members should be truly skilled in financial affairs as well as civil law, of outstanding integrity, not related to the Diocesan Bishop up to the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity appointed by the Diocesan Bishop.

The Vicar General-General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh shall be an ex-officio voting member of the Diocesan Finance Council.

The Diocesan Bishop may freely appoint other members to the Finance Council.

ARTICLE IV – TERM OF OFFICE

Members of the Diocesan Finance Council shall be appointed for a term of five years. Having completed that term, they may be appointed for one additional term of five years. No members may serve more than two consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1 – The officers of the Diocesan Finance Council shall be the President, the Chairperson and the Executive Committee.

Section 2 – The President of the Diocesan Finance Council shall be the Diocesan Bishop. The President has the right to convoke the meetings of the Council, to preside over the meetings of the Council, to place matters of concern on the agenda of the Council, to receive proposals from its members and to promulgate the deliberations of the Council.

Section 3– The Chairperson of the Diocesan Finance Council shall be the Vicar General-General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The Chairperson may be delegate by the President to convoke the meetings of the Council, to preside over the meetings of the Council, to place matters of concern on the agenda of the Council, and to receive proposals from its members.

Section 4 – The Executive Committee, composed of the President, the Chairperson and three lay members of the Finance Council, which three have been elected by the Finance Council, shall have the power to act on behalf of the Council in all matters which pertain to the functions of this Council when it is not possible to convoke the entire Council. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened by either the President or Chairperson. A quorum of this Committee will consist of at least three members to include either the President or the Chairperson.

Section 5 – The elected members of the Executive Committee shall serve a term of one (1) year. They can be elected to consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

The Diocesan Finance Council shall meet four times a year, at a time and place determined by the President, with the possibility of special meetings called at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VII – TERMINATION

In accordance with the *Code of Canon Law* the Diocesan Finance Council remains in place when the Diocesan See is vacant.

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