DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR CATECHESIS

BYLAWS

PURPOSE

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis supports the mission and activities of the Office of Religious Education, advises the staff on catechetical issues, and recommends areas of concern for development. The Council accomplishes these purposes through ongoing formation, study, prayer and community.

MEMBERSHIP

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis is normally composed of 12-16 members. Every effort will be made to ensure representation from each deanery, and various catechetical and other pastoral ministries. Potential members will be discerned and invited to consider serving on the Diocesan Council for Catechesis. Current Council members will select new members by consensus.

Service to the Council will begin the month of the first meeting following selection of the new member and will be for three years, once renewable.

MEETINGS

The Diocesan Council for Catechesis will normally convene four times between July 1 and June 30 of each year with the staff of the Office of Religious Education. The Executive Committee may adjust the meeting frequency, time and location.

OFFICERS

The Council will discern at the last meeting of the year a chairperson and vice chairperson from those members who have completed at least one year of service. The term of service for officers will be for one year, once renewable. Officers will serve on the Executive Committee.
COMMITTEES

Each Council member will be invited to serve on one committee of the Council. Additional persons may be invited to contribute to the work of Ad Hoc Committees. All committees will study current papal and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) documents that impact evangelization and catechesis in light of local pastoral needs, and will make recommendations to the Council.

In addition to regular committees, temporary ad hoc committees may be discerned by the Executive Committee and/or the Council.

DECISION MAKING

The Council will use a consensus decision-making process for operating procedures and recommendations to the staff.