

Parish Finance Council



FINANCIAL PLANNING PROVIDES FOR A FUTURE OF PLENTY

The revised Code of Canon Law states, “Each parish is to have a Finance Council which is regulated by universal church law as well as by the norms issued by the diocesan bishop.” (Canon 537)

The Finance Council aids the pastor, but is not to become the parish administrator. The diocesan bishop, upon the written recommendation of the pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council, appoints the members of the Parish Finance Council. Nominees must be registered members of the parish, with a zeal for the apostolate of the church, be skilled in financial matters, civil law or management, be of outstanding character, and not related to the diocesan bishop or pastor closer than the fourth degree and be available for service.

Members are appointed for a five-year term. The appointment may be renewed for another five-year term. The Parish Finance Council has five members, and two are appointed Lay Trustees of the parish Civil Corporation. The pastor serves as a non-voting, ex-officio member of this council.

Purpose of the Finance Council: The Finance Council is a group of the faithful who advise the pastor in the administration of parish goods.

Some Finance Council functions are:

- Prepare the annual parish budget in accordance with the guidelines provided by the bishop;
- Review financial reports of parish organizations;
- Oversee, together with the Pastor, all construction projects;
- Counsel the Pastor and monitor investments, special funds, wills, and bequests;
- Offer consultation and assist the Pastor in conducting fund-raising activities needed in the parish; and
- Assist the Pastor with information pertaining to contracts, personnel policies, bidding procedures, and to cooperate with the diocesan legal counsel in instances of civil litigation.

If you wish to serve the parish in matters of finance and business administration by offering counsel and service, please contact Father Francis Kamau by phoning the Church Office at 318 687 5121.