

**COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS
DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT**

I. NAME AND NATURE

- A. The name of this body shall be The College of Consultors of the Diocese of Davenport, hereafter referred to in this document as the "College."
- B. The purpose of the College is twofold:
 - 1. To assist the diocesan bishop in certain areas of administration of the Diocese according to the norms of Canon Law and these statutes.
 - 2. To provide for the governance of the Diocese, according to the norms of law when the see is vacant or impeded.

II. MEMBERSHIP AND TERM OF OFFICE

- A. The College shall consist of at least six priests. (Canon 502, §1)
- B. All members shall be appointed freely by the diocesan bishop from the membership of the Presbyteral Council. (Canon 502, §2)
- C. The diocesan bishop shall establish the College for a five-year term. (Canon 502, §1)
- D. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the College, the diocesan bishop is to appoint freely, from the membership of the Presbyteral Council, another priest to complete the unexpired term of membership.

III. CESSATION

- A. Even after the expiration of the five-year term for which the College is constituted it continues to exist until the diocesan bishop has constituted a new College of Consultors. (Canon 502, §1)
- B. The term of office of a member of the College does not cease with the completion of his term on the Presbyteral Council. (Canon 502, §1)

IV. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

A. President

1. When the see is occupied the diocesan bishop is the president of the College. (Canon 502, §2)
2. When the see is vacant or impeded, the one designated according to law to govern the diocese in the interim is the president of the College. (Canon 502, §2)
3. The diocesan bishop, although he is president of the College, is not a member of the College; therefore, he does not vote on matters brought before the College. However, in the case foreseen by point A 2 above, when the College functions as a college the person who presides has a right to vote.
4. The president is to set the agenda, convoke the members and preside at the meetings of the College. The president, however, may delegate these tasks to a member of the College. A member of the College delegated by the president to preside at a meeting retains his right to vote on matters brought before the College.

B. Secretary

1. The president shall appoint a secretary from among the members of the College.
2. The secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the College and shall perform other duties assigned to him by the president.

V. COMPETENACE OF THE COLLEGE

A. When the see is occupied the College is to function as follows:

1. The College is to be consulted in the formation of the *ternus* of candidates for the episcopacy. (Canon 377, §3)
2. The College, along with the diocesan chancellor, is to receive the apostolic letters of a coadjutor or an auxiliary bishop appointed to the Diocese. (Canon 404, §§1 and 3)
3. The College, along with the finance council, is to be consulted by the diocesan bishop on the appointment and removal of the finance officer. (Canon 494, §§1 and 2)

4. The College is to be consulted by the diocesan bishop on more important acts of administration. (Canon 1277)
 5. The College is to give (or withhold) consent to the diocesan bishop for acts of extraordinary administration, as defined by the Episcopal conference. (Canon 1277)
 6. The College is to give (or withhold) consent to the diocesan bishop for alienations of diocesan temporal goods where its intervention is required. (Canon 1292, §1)
 7. When a juridic person needs the permission of the diocesan bishop to alienate goods, and when the value of the goods to be alienated exceeds the maximum for which the diocesan bishop can give permission on his own accord, the College is to give (or withhold) consent to this alienation. (Canon 1292, §1)
 8. The College is to intervene in all other matters foreseen in the laws that call for its intervention.
- B. When the see is vacant the College is to function as follows:
1. The College assumes the duties of the Presbyteral Council. (Canon 501, §2)
 2. If there is no auxiliary bishop, the College governs the Diocese from the notice of the vacancy until the election of the diocesan administrator. (Canon 419)
 3. The College is to elect, within eight days, a diocesan administrator. (Canon 421)
 4. The College must give its consent before the diocesan administrator may:
 - a. Permit the excardination, incardination or migration of clergy. (Canon 272)
 - b. Issue dimissorial letters. (Canon 1018, §1, 2)
 - c. Remove the chancellor or other notaries. (Canon 485)
 5. The College and the chancellor are to receive the apostolic letter of appointment of the new diocesan bishop. (Canon 382, §3)
- C. When the see is impeded and other provisions of the law do not provide for the governance of the impeded see, the College is to select a priest to govern the Diocese in the interim. (Canon 413)
- D. When the College is required by Canon Law or these statutes to give its advice or consent, it is to act according to the norms of Canons 119 and 127.

- E. When the College is required by Canon Law or these statutes to hold an election, it is to act according to the norms of Canons 119 and 164-179.

VI. FINANCIAL ISSUES

- A. Members of the College shall not receive financial compensation for their service. However, the diocesan finance officer, upon representation of accounts, shall reimburse legitimate expenses incurred on the occasion of meetings. Mileage is reimbursed according to the Priests' Accountable Plan.
- B. The College shall prepare an annual budget of expenditures to be approved according to existing diocesan policy.

VII. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

These statutes shall be subject to such amendments as the diocesan bishop shall, from time to time, decide are necessary for the proper functioning of the College within the norms of law.

APPROVAL

The foregoing statutes were approved by the undersigned, this ____ day of _____, in the year of Our Lord, _____.

Bishop of Davenport

Chancellor

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