



ARCHDIOCESE *of* KINGSTON

Decree of Promulgation for the new Chapter Six of the Guidelines Binder

In accordance with canon 496 of the Code of Canon Law, I decree that these revised statutes for the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Kingston are hereby promulgated as particular law for the Archdiocese and are effective immediately. I order that they are to be published on the diocesan website.

Given at Kingston, the seat of the Archdiocesan
Curia, the 14th day of September 2022.

+Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston

Rev. James Quirk
Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs

Archdiocese of Kingston



CHAPTER 6

COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS STATUTES

(Revised 14 September 2022)

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Name

This council shall be called the "*College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Kingston*" referred to in these statutes as "the college of consultors."

Purposes

A. General

The college of consultors shall fulfill the purposes identified in the Code of Canon Law and other legislation.

B. Specific Purposes

1. To elect a diocesan administrator within eight days when the see becomes vacant (c. 421 § 1), and to witness his profession of faith (c. 833, 4°)
2. To inform the Apostolic See of the death of the diocesan bishop, if there is no auxiliary bishop (c. 422)
3. To assume diocesan governance when the see is vacant before the election of the diocesan administrator, if there is no auxiliary bishop (c. 419)
4. To see the apostolic letter of appointment of the diocesan bishop, in the presence of the chancellor, when he takes canonical possession of the diocese (c. 382 § 2)
5. To see the apostolic letter of appointment of the coadjutor bishop, together with the diocesan bishop and in the presence of the chancellor, when he takes possession of his office (c. 404 § 1)
6. To see the apostolic letter of appointment of both the coadjutor bishop and the auxiliary bishop, in the presence of the chancellor, when they take possession of their office, if the diocesan bishop is completely impeded (c. 404 § 3)
7. To select a priest to govern an impeded see, if there is no coadjutor bishop (or if he also is impeded) and there is also no secret list of priests designated by the diocesan bishop to govern the impeded see (c. 413 § 3)
8. To give its consent before the diocesan administrator is able:
 - a. to grant excommunication or incardination, after the see has been vacant for a year (c. 272)
 - b. to remove the chancellor and other notaries (c. 485)
 - c. to issue dimissorial letters (c. 1018 § 1, 2°)

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9. To give its counsel before the diocesan bishop is able:
 - a. to appoint the diocesan finance officer (c. 494 § 1)
 - b. to remove the diocesan finance officer during his or her five-year term (c. 494 § 2)
 - c. to place acts of administration of diocesan ecclesiastical goods which are more important, in light of the economic condition of the diocese (c. 1277)
10. To give its consent before the diocesan bishop is able:
 - a. to place acts of extraordinary administration defined by the conference of bishops (c. 1277; the diocesan finance council must also give its consent)
 - b. to alienate goods of public juridic persons subject to his authority, and to alienate diocesan goods, which belong to the stable patrimony and whose value falls between the minimum and maximum amounts established by the conference of bishops (c. 1292 § 2; the diocesan finance council and “those concerned” must also give their consent)
 - c. to perform any transaction which can worsen the patrimonial condition of public juridic persons subject to his authority or of the diocese, which belong to the stable patrimony and whose value falls between the minimum and maximum established by the conference of bishops (canon 1295; the diocesan finance council and “those concerned” must also give their consent; see c. 1292 § 2)

Membership

- A. The college of consultors shall be composed of six to twelve priests chosen by the diocesan bishop from among the members of the presbyteral council (c. 502 § 1).
- B. The college of consultors is appointed for a term of five years. When the five years lapse, it continues to exercise its proper functions until a new college is established (c. 502 § 1).
- C. If a vacancy should occur on the college of consultors resulting in less than six members, the diocesan bishop must appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term. If a vacancy results in six or more members, he is free to appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term (PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATIVE TEXTS, Response, August 7, 1984).
- D. The term of a member of the college of consultors does not end when his membership on the presbyteral council ceases (PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATIVE TEXTS, Response, August 7, 1984).

Meetings

The college of consultors shall meet when convened by the diocesan bishop or when the occasions identified in the law occur.

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Officers

- A. The president of the college of consultors is the bishop of the Archdiocese of Kingston. When the see is vacant or impeded, the one who temporarily takes the place of the bishop or, if he has not yet been appointed, the priest who is senior in ordination in the college presides (c. 502 § 2).
- B. Since the diocesan bishop is not a member of the college of consultors, he does not vote in matters being considered by the college. (*PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF LEGISLATIVE TEXTS, Response, July 5, 1985*)
- C. The president convokes the college, presides over it, and sets the agenda for its meetings.
- D. The president shall appoint a secretary from among the members of the college of consultors. The secretary will record and maintain the minutes of meetings and perform other tasks assigned by the president.

Committees

The president of the college of consultors may establish ad hoc committees composed of members of the college to perform a specific function.

Rules of Order

The norms of the universal law of the Catholic Church and Robert's Rules of Order, as they may be updated periodically, shall govern the operations of the college of consultors.

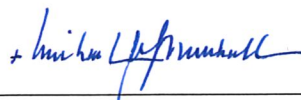
Amendments

- A. These Statutes may be amended by the diocesan bishop on his own initiative or following a two-thirds majority of the members favoring amendment, including those absent from the meeting when a vote for amendment is taken.
- B. No Statutes or amendment of Statutes shall be effective without approval by the diocesan bishop.
- C. Nothing in the Statutes may contradict the divine law, the universal law of the Catholic Church, or the particular law of the Archdiocese of Kingston.

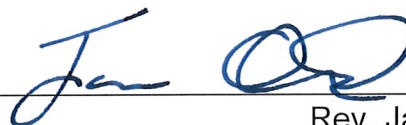
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Approval

The foregoing statutes are approved by the undersigned Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kingston, this 14th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 2022.



† Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston



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