



DECREE OF PROMULGATION

PARTICULAR LAW ON THE STRUCTURING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

Regarding the structuring of parish pastoral councils, and after having heard the Presbyteral Council on this matter, I hereby decree that the following shall be established as particular law for the Diocese of Erie:

- §1 Every stand-alone parish in the diocese is to have its own parish pastoral council. All members of that council are to be parishioners in good standing of that same parish (cf. can. 536 §§1-2).
- §2 Partnered parishes are to share a single parish pastoral council which has an equal number of members in good standing from each of the partnered parishes (cf. can. 536 §§1-2). Partnered parishes are likewise to share a single office and staff.

This decree is effective February 13, 2017, anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery
of the Diocese of Erie
on this 20th day of September, 2016

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

The Reverend Christopher J. Singer, JCL
Chancellor