

PETS

>Pets (26 November 1991; Soens)

1. . . . the problem of cats and dogs . . . There is no need for an additional policy. There already is a policy. The policy is part of the natural law and the virtue of justice. Any parish has a right to bill a priest for the cost entailed in rectifying the damages his cat(s) or dog(s) inflict(s) upon carpets and furnishings, and the priest should pay the bill as a matter of justice.

>Pet Policy Notice (1 November 2006; Bishop Nickless)

1. At the last meeting of the College of Consultors, the topic of pets in rectories was discussed. I would like to quote from the Pastoral Manual, which was promulgated on January 15, 2002:
 - a. In a rectory with more than one priest, it is strongly recommended that pets not be permitted in the rectory unless agreed upon by all the priests living in the rectory. Even in a one-priest rectory, sensitivity and responsibility for parish property should be respected. Payment by personal check for damage of any kind to rectory furniture, floor or wall coverings remains the responsibility of the owner of a particular pet. (Part Four, B, 1, J of the Pastoral Manual)
2. After consultation with the College of Consultors and the Presbyteral Council, I wish to reinforce this policy and state that I am asking that, upon transfer of a pastor from a particular parish, the Dean and the Directors or Parish Council check the rectory for any damage caused by pets. This owner of the pet will be personally responsible for making restitution to the parish for any damage assessed.