

## VARIOUS CONSULTATIVE BODIES

### IX-D: THE DIOCESAN FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION

#### A. Purpose

Given our conviction of the real presence of Jesus in people, the Family Life Commission will promote and support family life in all its diverse forms with special emphasis on spiritual formation and total family ministry.

#### B. Goals

1. The Commission will identify priority needs, goals and coordination of total family ministry within the diocese;
2. It will encourage and support leadership development and enrichment;
3. It will encourage, promote and develop programs and structures which will enable implementation of total family ministry;
4. It will advise the Bishop regarding family life, family ministry and related issues;
5. It will develop, promote and support those working at the parish level for family life and family ministry;
6. It will collaborate and work in close communication with diocesan organizations, programs and movements whose interests interrelate with family life and family ministry.

#### C. Structure

1. The Commission is accountable to the Diocesan Family Life Office and to the Bishop.
2. All Commission members are considered working members.
3. The chairperson of the Commission is the designated Family Life Representative of the Diocese.
4. The Chairperson shall also be the staff resource in carrying out Commission activities.
5. Commission members shall be appointed by the Bishop for up to three year terms.
6. The Commission shall operate by consensus whenever possible.

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7. The Commission shall have a specific prayer dimension and education dimension at each meeting.