

## VARIOUS CONSULTATIVE BODIES

### II. THE COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS

The College of Consultors is a body of priests with whom the Bishop must consult on specific matters and, in some cases, receive its consent.

#### I. Membership

- A. The College of Consultors is composed of at least six members of the Priests' Council; it is not to exceed 12 members in number.
- B. Membership in the College is by appointment from the Bishop.
- C. Members are appointed to a five year term; if a vacancy occurs, the diocesan Bishop is to appoint another priest from the Priests' Council to complete the unexpired term of membership.
- D. The diocesan Bishop presides over the College of Consultors.

#### II. Functions

- A. When the Diocesan See is filled:
  - 1. The Bishop is to obtain the consent of the College to perform acts of extraordinary administration, i.e., acts involving more than one million dollars (c. 1277);
  - 2. The Bishops is to obtain the consent of the College to alienate diocesan property (c. 1292, #1);
  - 3. The Bishop is to obtain the consent of the College to authorize alienation within minimal and maximal sums set by the conference of bishops in the case of juridic persons subject to the Bishop (c. 1293, #1);
  - 4. The Bishop is to consult the College in the appointment and removal of the Diocesan Finance Officer (c.494, #1-2).
- B. When the Diocesan See is impeded (i.e., when the Diocesan Bishop is wholly prevented from his pastoral function by reason of captivity, banishment, exile or incapacity), the College is to elect an administrator if no other provision has been made (c. 413, #2).
- C. When the Diocesan See is vacant:
  - 1. The College governs the Diocese initially, provided there is no auxiliary bishop and provided no other arrangement has been made by the Holy See (c. 419);

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2. The College is to notify the Holy See of the vacancy if there is no auxiliary bishop (c. 422);
3. The College is to elect an administrator within eight days of the vacancy of the diocesan See (c. 421, #1);
4. The administrator must obtain the consent of the College for the incardination, excommunication or emigration of clerics after the See is vacant for a year (c. 272), and for the removal of the chancellor or other notaries (c. 485).
5. The College fills the role of the Priests' Council (c. 501, 2).