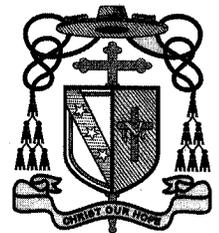


CALLED TO STEWARDSHIP
Diocesan Policies for
Parish Finance Councils

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Office of the Bishop

Dear Father, Pastoral Coordinator and Parish Finance Council Chairperson:

I am pleased to forward to you the revised Parish Finance Council norms entitled, "Called to Stewardship". This third edition of the norms for Parish Finance Councils has been scheduled for release this spring and I am happy to be able to issue them to all of the parishes throughout our Diocese.

Parish Finance Councils are mandated by Section 537, Code of Canon Law. They are not discretionary but must be formed, operate within the law and serve as a valuable resource of financial and fiscal advice to each pastor. It is through the talents of these members of our parish laity that the funds and financial resources of our parishes are to be safeguarded and utilized in the best interests of the parish mission statement.

These norms are issued to be of assistance to the pastor in his responsibility as the chief steward of the parish. The members of the Parish Finance Council bring to the pastor a professional expertise genuinely needed in today's modern parish environment. We must take every precaution to see that the contributed parish funds are protected and used as our donors intend. The Parish Finance Council has the responsibility to make certain that sound financial policies and practices are in place in each parish in our Diocese.

I trust that each pastor will find these norms beneficial as he carries out his financial and fiscal responsibilities. I am deeply indebted to our Diocesan Finance Council who has given oversight to these newly revised norms.

In our continuing effort to bring about complete financial responsibility in our Diocesan offices as well as our parishes, schools, and other institutions, these norms are available at our Diocesan website at www.richmonddiocese.org.

With my prayers and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis X. Di Lorenzo".

(Most Rev.) Francis X. DiLorenzo
Bishop of Richmond

March 1, 2007

