



## DECREE OF PROMULGATION

### PARTICULAR LAW ON THE STRUCTURING OF PARISH FINANCE COUNCILS

Regarding the structuring of parish finance 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 Each parish in the diocese is to have its own finance council, under the direction of the pastor or parochial administrator who will administer the finances of the parish, as required by can. 537 of the *Code of Canon Law*.
- §2 In a stand-alone parish, all members of the finance council are to be parishioners in good standing of that same parish. In partnered parishes, the members of the finance council may either all be taken from the parish itself, or be taken in equal proportion from each of the partnered parishes.
- §3 The finances of partnered parishes, as well as all of their temporal goods, assets, and liabilities, are not to be commingled in any way whatsoever.

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