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PARISH ASSESSMENT FORMULA
Survey of Parishes

I. Article 7 of the Diocesan Bylaws provides in part that "Members in good standing of a Parish Church, who are 18 years of age or over, may participate in the assemblies of the same Parish and may vote, provided that at least six months have elapsed since the date of their registration as members of the Parish and their dues have been paid." (Emphasis supplied)

We are interested in learning how your parish administers the registration requirement. For example, do you use a registration form which is signed and dated, or do you simply request an individual's name and address? Please describe your approach below. Also, if you have a registration form, please supply a copy.

NO FORM, WE WRITE THE DATE DUES WERE PAID ON
OUR LIST OF PAID MEMBERS

We wish to know also when dues are payable. Specifically, when would an individual have to pay his/her dues in order to vote at your 1992 Annual Parish Assembly? Please explain.

DUES ARE PAYABLE THE FIRST OF EACH YEAR.

1991 DUES MUST BE PAID BY THE ¹⁹⁹² ANNUAL ASSEMBLY TO VOTE.

IN THE CASE OF NEW MEMBERS WE ENFORCE THE 6 MONTH REQUIREMENT.

It would help us also to know how the dues requirement is met. That is, are parishioners expected to make a single payment, may they make earmarked payments throughout the year, or is there some other arrangement? Please explain.

ONE SINGLE PAYMENT

What are the annual dues in your parish? \$ 50.00

Are there reduced rates for sub-groups, for example, senior citizens, young adults, etc? Please identify sub-group(s), if any, and their rate(s). SENIOR CITIZENS \$25.00

If we were to base the assessment exclusively on voting membership, would that affect the registration of new members? Yes/No YES

If Yes, please explain how. IF IT WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN DUES IT WOULD LIKELY AFFECT NEW REGISTRATIONS NEGATIVELY AND MORE IMPARTANTLY NEGATIVELY AFFECT CURRENT MEMBERSHIP.

II. Article 8 of the Diocesan Bylaws provides that "members who fail to pay their dues for one or more years" forfeit their voting and office-holding rights, but "may reinstate these rights by payment of their dues in arrears for at least the previous two years."

We would like to know whether the situation addressed by Article 8 occurs with any frequency among your members and, if so, the manner in which this article is enforced. Please explain.

IT DOES NOT OCCUR FREQUENTLY. IF IT DOES WE REQUIRE PAYMENT IN ARREARS IN ORDER FOR THE MEMBERS TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY.

III. The present formula seems to have been intended to assess parishes on the basis of membership and ability to pay. Sixty percent of the amount generated is allocated among the parishes on the basis of their membership, while another 25 percent is apportioned on the basis of plate collections, dues, pledges, and yughakin. The remaining 15 percent is determined on the basis of the number of sacraments, presence of clergy, and number of Diocesan delegates.

We are interested in your views on this approach. Do you find it satisfactory? Yes/No YES. If No, please identify on a separate sheet what you perceive as its shortcomings, and present the changes which you consider desirable.

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