

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.

We use a registration form. (Sample attached)

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 can be paid up until the day of elections.

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.

Parishioners may make earmarked payments throughout the year.

What are the annual dues in your parish? \$ 125. as of 1992

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). _____

Not at this time.

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

If Yes, please explain how. _____

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 with frequency.

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 X. 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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Parish: _____

Date: _____