

## Elberon Parish council appointment

### 1. Parish Assembly

a. The Primate cancelled the parish assembly with extreme reluctance and did so only because of the disturbing circumstances in the parish. There is every intention to restore the assembly as soon as conditions permit.

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b. Much will depend on the leadership this new council generates. Wounds must be healed and polarization diluted, so that the entire church community will feel as one, or as close to one as is possible.

c. If this is realized, the assembly will be restored next year; if not, it will be put off until such time that it is. It will not serve any group to mobilize membership for sides with a view to sweeping elections; or enrolling new members for the purpose. We want new members to be enrolled, but for the service of the church, and not of one side or the other

### 2. Appointment of officers

### 3. Transfer date and method (from existing committee to new council)

### 4. Function of new council and prerogatives

a. The same as any other Council, as per our Diocesan By-Laws, except that a budget and a program for the year are to be prepared and submitted to the Primate before January 15 for approval. Once approved, it will form the basis for the council's operation for 1976. Any action outside the budget or program will require Primate's approval.

b. Appointment and supervision of all church parish committees

### 5. Pastor

a. To serve only in religious area with no administrative duties. Will not attend meetings of council or committees. Will conduct church services and sacraments, etc., and be in charge of the altar. Will continue in this capacity until no later than ?????????? (Is Council decision needed for this?????) (In any case, it is important for the Primate to talk to Fr. Vertanes and inform him of his intentions and learn of Fr. Vertanes' intentions!!!!)

b. If a termination date is given, council should be informed what the Primate's intention is after that. A new pastore. Only visiting clergy for a while. Etc.?????

6. Method and manner of announcement of the council and circumstances of the pastor.

7. Miscellaneous (questions they may have....)

Notes:

1. An edict must be put to all these circulating letters. I know this cannot be done by fiat. But they must be discouraged, because they only serve to create ill will and confusion
2. The new leadership must not take sides but must work for the benefit of the church community.
3. There must be an end to bickering, again unachievable by fiat, but achievable through example of the leadership.
4. This council has following in all areas of the community. Each member must use its good offices to effect reconciliation.