



Annual Council Rules of Order

1. All Amendments from the floor must be provided in written copy to the Chair and the Secretary of Council (prior to debate) or may be ruled out of order.
2. When speaking to a resolution, identify yourself by name and parish. No delegate may speak more than twice to each resolution.
3. Spontaneous response (such as applause or booing) - positive or negative - is not appropriate, unless invited by the Chair.
4. No comments from the floor are appropriate until recognized by the Chair - shouting "I call the question" is not in order and will not be recognized.
5. Reports and Resolutions :
 - a. All reports, resolutions, or other business that require Council action must be introduced before the end of this session (before recess for lunch) so that they can be considered this afternoon by legislative committees. Any non-pre-filed motions from the floor must provide copies for all in attendance, and must be in canonical form to be accepted by the Chair.
 - b. No other business can be introduced subsequently except by a two-thirds vote of the Council.
 - c. Resolutions involving money must specify the source of funds and any resolution with funding implications will go also to the legislative committee on finance.
 - d. All resolutions must be in writing with copies for the Bishop and Secretary. Assistance is available.
 - e. Regular reports of diocesan boards, committees, task forces, etc. are available in your packet.
 - f. Resolutions that refer to or propose to adopt written or published material that is not readily available to the Delegates will be out of order.