

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

The legal affairs of the Diocese are in good order. There is no litigation pending against the Diocese. The Diocese is not currently involved in any significant legal disputes. It has successfully conducted various property transactions and assisted parishes to do so.

The Chancellors have advised Bishop Wright and his staff regarding personnel and financially related matters and assisted in preparing appropriate documentation.

We are continuing to address the issues arising from the pandemic and the need for adjustments to the rules regarding the Council of the Diocese. The 2022 Council approved on first reading an amendment to the Diocesan Constitution that permits meetings of Council by electronic means during emergencies. The proposed amendment is narrowly focused and does not change the plan for Council to be held in person in normal years. Although it is felt that the electronic meetings held during the pandemic were proper, it is also thought that a constitutional provision that explicitly states the applicable rules is desirable. It will be of assistance to the Diocese in future years by making clear what is permissible so that planning can go smoothly in the case of an emergency.