



ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII
DIOCESE OF HONOLULU
WITNESS TO JESUS

Decree Promulgating Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils

With this decree, I hereby promulgate norms, in accord with canon 536 §1 of the *Code of Canon Law*, that govern parish pastoral councils. I consulted with the Presbyteral Council regarding the requirement of mandating a pastoral council in each parish. These norms take effect immediately, but each parish is expected to have a fully functioning pastoral council with statutes no later than Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019. Parishes whose current councils do not conform to these norms are to revise their statutes and re-form their councils no later than June 9, 2019.

The goal of these norms in particular is to assist pastors and parishes with greater pastoral planning, guided by the pastoral plan of the Diocese of Honolulu.

I promulgate these norms by sending them to all pastors, by having them published in the *Hawaii Catholic Herald*, and by having them posted on the diocesan website.

Given at the Office of the Bishop in Honolulu, Hawaii, on November 15, 2018.

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Most Reverend Clarence Silva
Bishop of Honolulu

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