

## Expectations of a Member of Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council fulfils a senior leadership role in our Diocese functioning as "Synod between Synods." To discharge this responsibility requires a major commitment of time. As a potential member of Council, I have read and understand the following expectations which I will do my best to perform, the Lord being my helper.



### Attendance:

- Diocesan Council Meetings  
Attend all Diocesan Council meetings, which means under normal circumstances, making myself available for approximately six Council meetings per year, across the Diocese. (Usually three on weekdays and three on Saturdays)
- Diocesan Council Team Meetings  
Every Diocesan Council member is expected to be on at least one Council Team and to attend Team meetings, usually about 2 hours, between each meeting of the Diocesan Council.
- Greater Chapter meetings  
Every Diocesan Council member belongs to the Greater Chapter in the Archdeaconry where they live. The Greater Chapter usually meets three or four times a year.

### Preparation:

- Do my best to prepare, taking time to prayerfully review and reflect on issues and proposals that are before these meetings.

### Participation:

- Be an active listener, and contribute to the work of the Council, both at meetings and between meetings.
- Play a leadership role in my archdeaconry's Greater Chapter meetings, especially by providing information to and gathering information from parish clergy and lay leaders regarding Diocesan affairs.
- Try to act always in the best interests of the Diocesan Synod, in an impartial and nonpartisan manner, being personally accountable for my decisions and Council's decisions, always seeking to promote understanding of those decisions in my archdeaconry and across the Diocese.
- Diocesan Council has established norms and I will respect them.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_