

Chancellor's Report to Diocesan Convention 2020

The past year has been a busy year for the Vice Chancellors and me. My most significant activities have been advising regarding matters relating to the pandemic. In addition to the day-to-day communications with the Bishop and Canons, among the activities that I have been involved in during the past year are as follows:

- Advised on a Title IV disciplinary complaint involving a member of the clergy.
- I continue to be actively involved in the Episcopal Chancellors' Network, and in the fall of 2019 attended a National Chancellors Conference.
- Advised the Bishop regarding a parishioner who presented difficulties.
- Advised regarding the property at the former Christ Church Napoleonville.
- Advised regarding the transition of leadership at a parish.
- Advised regarding baptismal, marriage and death records.
- Advised with respect to the Payroll Protection Program under the CARES Act and accompanying regulations. I advised the Diocese as well as a number of parishes, schools and the Solomon Conference Center. I participated in Zoom meetings with Diocesan staff, members of the clergy and parish leadership.
- Advised with respect to rules and procedures for holding virtual meetings of parish corporations and of the Diocesan Convention. Marsha Wade and Susan Talley have played significant roles in this as well.
- Advised with respect to rules regarding reopening of churches, including outdoor and indoor, in coordination with Dr. Figueora and others, and spent significant time studying scientific, medical and legal publications regarding parameters for public gatherings during the pandemic.
- Advised with respect to questions about proper use of discretionary funds.
- Along with Marsha Wade and Susan Talley, responded to many questions about procedures for voting during virtual meetings, including whether voting by mail or voting by proxy would be allowed under the Diocesan Constitution and state law.
- Advised with respect to a parish SBA loan application.
- Advised with respect to a parish employment issue.
- Advised with respect to burial grounds and cemetery laws at two locations.

It continues to be an honor and pleasure to work with Bishop Thompson and Canon Manning, and the Diocesan staff, and to have worked with Canon Kellogg, in advising the Diocese.

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