

Roles of the Pastor and the Finance Council

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The Role of the Pastor

- Ordinary administration
 - Day-to-day operations
 - Seek advice
 - Has final say
 - Represents the parish in all juridic matters
 - Must comply with civil and canon law

Limits on the pastor's role

- Requires Approval of the Bishop on...
 - Capital projects above \$10,000
 - Sale of assets
 - Leases valued \$100,000+ or over 1 year
 - Sale/purchase of assets worth at least 5% of previous year's income
 - Legal actions in a civil forum
- Requires Approval of Holy See...
 - Alienation of goods with artistic or historical significance

Pastor is a "Good Householder"

- Oath to administer well
- Inventory parish property
- Well cared for and insured
- Respect intent of donors
- Follow civil law
- Pay bills and loans in a timely manner
- Maintain proper books
- Prepare budgets and annual reports
- Pay decent and just wages; comply with labor laws and Church principles

Role of the Parish Finance Council

- Assist and advise the Pastor with:
 - Budgets for the parish and organizations
 - Review periodic reports (monthly, quarterly, annually)
 - Annual Reports
 - Construction and renovation (Capital projects)
 - Fundraising
 - Job description and employee-related matters
