

LEXICON FOR PASTORAL PLANNING

The parish has been, and continues to be, the basic unit of the diocesan Church. It is through the parish that the liturgical, sacramental, spiritual and juridical life of the Church is expressed. In this pastoral plan, the parish structure retains its place of importance. However, with the full implementation of the plan, the number of parishes is reduced from the current 165 to 75.

At the heart of each parish is what the Committee calls the parish center. The Committee was committed to using the proper structures and designations allowed by the *Code of Canon Law*. The Lexicon for Pastoral Planning indicates the designations with a brief explanation of each.

A single parish may have one, a combination, or all of the following. However, the parish center is a given.

Parish Center (can. 515-518)

- a. Rectory
- b. Governance Seat
 - parish offices (in particular situations, rectory or offices may be at a separate site)
 - pastoral/finance council
- c. Sunday Liturgical Site
- d. Sacramental Site
- e. Catechetical Site
- f. Blessed Sacrament Present
- g. Weekday Mass
- h. Coordinate Ethnic Ministries (where applicable)

LS: Liturgical Satellite (Church Building) (can. 1214-1222)

- a. Sunday Liturgical Site
- b. Sacramental Site
- c. Catechetical Site
- d. Blessed Sacrament Present
- e. Optional Weekday Mass

CB: Church Building (can. 1214-1222)

- a. Sacramental Site
- b. Catechetical Site
- c. Blessed Sacrament Present
- d. Optional Weekday Mass

O: Oratory (can. 1223-1225)

- a. Occasional Sacramental Site as specified by the Bishop
- b. Occasional Liturgical Site as specified by the Bishop

PC: Private Chapel (can. 1226-1229)

- a. Cemetery Chapel (used for burials)

C: Closure

- a. Permanent
- b. Possibly sell the property, excepting the cemetery should there be one

+ *Cemetery*

