

Decisions Reserved to the Bishop Regarding Parish Faith Formation

Process to submit recommendations to the Bishop regarding a reserved educational decision:

1. When in the opinion of the local/area faith formation commission, or parish council, there is cause to study and possibly recommend a change to the Bishop regarding a reserved decision, the initiating group will formally request of the Department of Catholic Faith Formation & Education that a comprehensive study be undertaken.
2. The Department of Catholic Faith Formation & Education will meet with the local initiating group to help them design a comprehensive self-study of the situation.
3. This self-study, the recommendations of the local initiating group, and the recommendations of all other parties affected by the proposed change will be submitted to the Diocesan Board of Faith Formation & Education.
4. The Diocesan Board of Faith Formation & Education will review in executive session all materials submitted, will provide each party an opportunity to present oral clarification and will make its own recommendation to the Bishop.
5. The Bishop, after considering all information available to him including the self-study and all recommendations submitted, will render a decision on the matter.

Rule

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