



Diocese of Cheyenne

Office of the Bishop

EXECUTORY DECREE

The Presbyteral Council has been considering, since its meeting on March 29, 2012, how to evaluate whether a "Mission" church should be closed. This discussion was prompted by the request of several pastors to address declining demographics and adverse economics experienced by the "Mission" communities in their respective parishes. At the January 20, 2015, meeting of the Presbyteral Council, the Council recommended to me the "Evaluation for Possible Closure of a 'Mission' Church," as the process to address the reduction of a church building to profane but not sordid use and any modification that this does to the existing parish. I accept their recommendation.

I, therefore, hereby promulgate the "Evaluation for Possible Closure of a 'Mission' Church" as an instruction for the implementation of canon 1222 §2 on the relegation of a church building to profane but not sordid use and to the extent that it affects the parish, canon 525 §2 on the modification of a parish.

Given in Cheyenne, this February 5, 2015, the Feast of Saint Agatha.

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Bishop of Cheyenne

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