



DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

What is a “Mission”?

In Church law, the term “mission” has no official definition or designation within this context of church buildings.

In the United States, the phrase usually refers to a secondary worship site (church building) that is affiliated with a neighboring parish (with its own church building that serves as the primary worship site). The pastor of the neighboring parish oversees the “mission”, and would provide for Masses and other devotions there, to the extent possible and for as long as possible.

The “mission” church belongs to the neighboring parish. In most cases, a “mission” church is a former primary worship site of what was formerly a parish in its own right.

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