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