PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
Revised according to most recent elections and appointments, May 17, 2022

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OFFICERS (September 2021-2022)
President: Bishop Thomas Daly
Chair: Rev. Lucas Tomson  Vice Chair: Jeff Core (one year terms, elected 09/09/2021).
*indicates member of College of Consultors
+indicates member whose term had been extended an additional year
^Completing the term of Rev. Dale Tuckerman as Dean (see infra).

The Religious priest representative and the Senior priest representative have completed their terms. The canonical norm is that a person remains in office until he is notified in writing (can. 186) or, adapting this situation to can. 502, until his successor is appointed.

COLLEGE OF CONSULTORS

- Can. 502 §1. From among the members of the presbyteral council and in a number not less than six nor more than twelve, the diocesan bishop freely appoints some priests who are to constitute for five years a college of consultors, to which belongs the functions determined by law. When the five years elapse, however, it continues to exercise its proper functions until a new college is established.

On September 29, 2016, Bishop Daly appointed the following seven priests to constitute the College of Consultors:

- Very Rev. Darrin Connall
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- Rev. Vic Blazovich (replacing Rev. Msgr. Brian Mee as consultor *ex officio*)
- Rev. Pat Kerst
- Rev. Joe Bell
- Rev. Gus Ruiz
- Rev. Matthew Nicks
- Rev. Jeff Lewis

A consultor who had been elected to the Council remains on the Council as an appointed member. In accord with canon 502§1, this college is established until September 28, 2021 or until a new College is constituted.

*Gustavo Ruiz had been on the Council as an appointed member, and as a Consultant. He was elected Dean of the Southern Deanery (September, 2021). He remains a Consultant.*

*Jeff Lewis was elected as Dean of East Spokane (September 2021). He remains on the Council in that position and as a Consultant.*

None of the priests who were consultors lost his place on the Council. The Bishop is able to:

- Leave the existing College of Consultants as it is. Although the 5 year term of the College technically ends on Sept. 28, 2021, the College remains intact “until a new College is constituted.”
- He could designate the existing College as the new College for a 5 year term.
- Establish a new College. The VG and episcopal vicars are *ex officio* on the College (a local rule). The Bishop appoints others to the College from the members of the Priests’ Council. If he appoints someone not on the Council, that priest becomes an appointed member of the Priests’ Council.

(The following notes account for modifications of Council membership and other adaptations that have been made in previous years)

- Joachim Hien was appointed to the Council as the senior priest representative.
- Consistent with their articles of incorporation, every September the Bishop appoints certain members of the Presbyteral Council to serve as the third member of the Board of Directors for each of the civilly incorporated parishes in the Diocese of Spokane. (This provision has been amended as of May 6, 2021: the Chair of the Priests’ Council serves as the third member of the Board of Directors. If the Chair is also a pastor and the Dean, he appoints another member of the Council as the third Board member of the parish corporation (cf. Policy 5.02.13, Art. VII).)

At the Presbyteral Council meeting on June 8, 2017 modifications were made to the Deaneries.

- the Northern Deanery—Our Lady of the Lake in Suncrest was transferred from North Spokane to the Northern Deanery.
- Cheney, Medical Lake and its missions were transferred from South Spokane to the Western Deanery
- Paul Heric, whose parish (St. Rose, Cheney) is now in the Western Deanery was appointed to complete his term as Dean of the Western Deanery (to September 2019)

- At the same meeting, it was recommended that at deanery meetings the issue of elections of priests at large to the Council should be discussed.

At the Presbyteral Council meeting of June 5, 2019, the following provisions were made:

Policy 2.06.02
Members of the Presbyteral Council
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• Fr. Jeff Core, transferred from St. Mary, Spokane Valley to St. Thomas More, Pullman, will serve as dean of the Palouse Deanery, completing the term of Fr. Lucas Tomson (9/2017-9/2020).
• Fr. Jeff Lewis, transferred from St. Peter, Spokane, to St. Mary, Spokane Valley, will serve as dean of the East Spokane Deanery, completing the term of Fr. Jeff Core (9/2017-9/2020).
• It was noted that the terms of M. Nicks, L. Nsubuga and G. Ruiz will end 9/2019. However, Frs. Nicks and Ruiz are consultants. The question has not been answered whether the Bishop will appoint them to the Council.

*By directive of Bishop Daly on September 8, 2020, the terms of Council members scheduled to expire September 2020 were extended for one year in light of conditions due to the Covid pandemic.

Rev. Thomas Connolly was elected ad Dean of the Northern Deanery (September 2020-September 2023).

Rev. Dale Tuckerman, Dean of the Western Deanery, was transferred to St. Patrick, Walla Walla, May 2, 2022. Rev. Sean Thomson was appointed to complete his term as Dean.