



**JOSEPH E. STRICKLAND**  
**By the Grace of God and the Apostolic See**  
**BISHOP OF TYLER**

**DECREE**

**Particular Law Establishing Acts of Extraordinary Administration for Parishes**

Whereas the diocesan bishop is charged to keep vigilance over the administration of ecclesiastical goods which belong to parishes (public juridic persons *ipso iure*) subject to him (c. 1276, §1), especially in order to avoid abuses (c. 392, §2);

Whereas the diocesan bishop is competent to determine acts of extraordinary administration for public juridic persons subject to his authority, after he has heard his diocesan finance council (c. 1281, §2); and

Whereas acts of administration which exceed the limits and manner of ordinary administration must be clearly defined;

By this decree, having heard the diocesan finance council, I hereby establish as particular law of the Diocese of Tyler that the following shall be considered acts of extraordinary administration requiring *for validity* the prior written faculty from the local ordinary (c. 1281, §1) to be obtained by the pastors and parochial administrators of parishes. They are also to consult the parish finance council before requesting written authorization from the local ordinary.

- to expend more than \$10, 000 for the purchase of movable goods;**
- to expend more than \$10,000 for repairs to property;**
- to purchase any real estate or other immovable goods;**
- to erect a building on church property;**
- to grant an easement on church property.**

If the pastor/parochial administrator subject to the Bishop of Tyler performs any of the above-listed acts of extraordinary administration without the prior written faculty of the local ordinary, the act is invalid in canon law and the parish (the juridic person) is not bound to answer for it (c. 1281, §3). The person who performed the act invalidly thus assumes personal liability for it.

This particular law is effective as of November 1, 2015, on the feast day of All Saints.

Given at the Chancery, the diocese of Tyler, on the twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen.

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Bishop Joseph E. Strickland  
Bishop of Tyler

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Father Hank Lanik  
Chancellor