

Proposition 2021-P2

Proposed Amendment to Title VII Canon 4 (Aided Parishes)

SECTION IV. Transfer of Property. An Aided Parish shall, at the end of three years ***from the time such parish became an Aided Parish***, transfer the title of all Real Estate and all Endowment and Trust Funds *owned by such Parish*, to the Trustees of the Estate, and such *property* shall for the period the Parish remains an Aided Parish, be administered by the Bishop and the Trustees of the Estate. ***Any documents required to evidence any of the aforesaid transfers shall be executed by the priest-in-charge of such Aided Parish, or if there shall be none, by the Diocesan Canon for Ministry Support or such other Diocesan officer as shall be designated in writing by the Bishop.***

SECTION VIII. Petition to Revert. If any Aided Parish, ***having been in continual existence since becoming an Aided Parish***, shall petition to revert to its former status, the Bishop shall call a Special Meeting of the Congregation ***of such Aided Parish*** for the purposed of electing a Vestry which shall, in turn, take the necessary Canonical steps for the election of a Rector.

SECTION IX. Properties on Reversion. If an Aided Parish, ***pursuant to Section VIII of this Canon***, reverts to its former status, it may petition the Trustees of the Estate for a conveyance of ***such Real Estate and Endowment and Trust Funds still held by the Trustees***, and upon such petition being received, the said Trustees shall ***convey such property to the parish in question.***

Explanation: The proposed revision to the Canon would provide a mechanism to return certain assets transferred to the Trustees of the Estate by an Aided Parish back to such Aided Parish if it subsequently returns to its former status as an independent parish within the Diocese.