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Purpose

Define the [Deanery](#) Structure in the [Archdiocese](#), which has existed in the [Archdiocese](#) since 1974.

Policy

- 1) [Parishes](#) are assigned to a geographic [Deanery](#) by the [Archbishop](#). The [Archbishop](#) may make changes to the [Deanery](#) structure after consultation with the [Presbyteral Council](#). In making alterations to the structure, several factors will be considered, including: the homogeneity of the population; shared topographical characteristics; historical and geographical proximity of [Parishes](#); and facility in organizing regular meetings of the [Clergy](#).
- 2) A [Parish](#) may petition to be assigned to another [Deanery](#) by the [Pastor](#) making a written request to the [Archbishop](#).
- 3) A priest is a member of only one [Deanery](#).
- 4) Attached to this policy is the most recent configuration of the [Deanery structure](#).