Title

Diocesan Council Quorum

Proposer(s)

The Chancellor's Office

Be it resolved that Canon IX.12 of the Canons of the Diocese of West Missouri be amended as follows:

QUORUM

SECTION 12. A simple majority of the voting members of the Diocesan Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Explanation

Currently, there are 24 voting members of Diocesan Council and 6 non-voting members. With the addition of an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant Registrar, there would be 8 non-voting members, bringing the total membership to 32.

Under the current canon, with 32 members, quorum would be 17. But if all 8 non-voting members attended the meeting, it is possible that quorum could be reached with only 9 voting members in attendance, meaning that less than 38% of the voting members could be deciding diocesan matters.

Assessing quorum by voting members assures that a true majority of Diocesan Council is rendering decisions on behalf of the diocese.