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To all Rectors and Parish Councils – Diocese of the Midwest

At the All-American Council convened in Atlanta, a new and revised Statute was presented and adopted near unanimously. In light of the new Statute, Bishop Paul appointed a “task force” to revise the “Standard Parish Bylaws” for the Diocese of the Midwest. The last revision of the current “bylaws” was during the time of Bishop Boris, of blessed memory. The “task force” has done due diligence and presented the presented version to the Diocesan Council which, in turn, is presenting the new Statute to the upcoming Diocesan Assembly for adoption. This will be a major item on the upcoming Assembly Agenda. The expectation is that after adoption by the Assembly, parishes will then be expected to adopt them and replace their current bylaws. In this manner all parishes will be in conformance with the current OCA Statute.

With this in mind, we have placed the proposed Bylaws on the diocesan website at <http://domoca.org/assembly.html>. We ask that all parishes study and review them in preparation for their presentation at the Assembly. If you have any comments or questions regarding the proposed Bylaws, you can email Father Alexander Garklavs, leader of the task force, at garklavs@verizon.net.

If you are unable to access the bylaws or unable to print them, you may request a printed copy of them by contacting Philip Sokolov at the Diocesan Chancery.

In Christ,



Archpriest John Zdinak
Chancellor