



**MOST REVEREND SHAWN MCKNIGHT, S.Th.D.**  
ARCHBISHOP OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

### **General Decree**

#### *Promulgating Priest Compensation Policy*

Whereas, the Archbishop has the responsibility of ensuring the Archdiocese provides care for priest and ensure the diligent care of the temporal goods of the Church (cf. Cann. 281; 392 §2), and after consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the appropriate archdiocesan offices, a revised Priest Compensation Policy has been prepared to clarify the compensation of priests and ensure consistency and equity in this local Church;

By virtue of my authority as Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, in accord with canons 381 §1 and 391 of the Code of Canon Law, and in accord with my responsibilities as the Diocesan Bishop to take care that provision is made for the support of priests (cf. Can. 384) I hereby issue this

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to promulgate the new *Priest Compensation Policy* in order to provide clarity and consistency in the material support of priests administered across the Archdiocese. In accord with the discipline of the Church, the compensation regulated by this policy, in conjunction with the priest payment structure promulgated on 29 January 2026, is the exclusive compensation for priests, and any additional income or remuneration requires the express authorization of the Diocesan Bishop (cf. Can. 286). This Priest Compensation Policy is to be reviewed annually, by the Presbyteral Council and the Archdiocesan Finance Council, updated as needed. This policy takes effect 1 July 2026.

This decree is to be communicated to the priests of the Archdiocese, to the appropriate parish staff, and posted on the website of the Archdiocese.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the Year of Our Lord 2026.

The Most Reverend Shawn McKnight, S.Th.D.  
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

Rev. Anthony Safki, J.C.L.  
Chancellor

