



Decree *of Establishment*

In order to ensure the prudent stewardship of ecclesiastical goods, the proper planning and execution of construction and renovation projects, and the preservation of the sacred character of ecclesiastical buildings, it is fitting to establish a stable body of experts to assist the Diocesan Bishop in these matters.

In accordance to Canons 1276 §1 and 1284 of the Code of Canon Law, which entrust the Diocesan Bishop with vigilance and oversight of the administration of all ecclesiastical goods, and mindful of the obligation to safeguard the patrimony of the Church (cf. Cann. 1254–1256), as well as to ensure that sacred buildings are suitable for divine worship (cf. Can. 1215 §1), I hereby decree the establishment of

THE ARCHDIOCESAN BUILDING COMMISSION

to assist the Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas in matters pertaining to the construction, renovation, restoration, and maintenance of ecclesiastical buildings and other archdiocesan properties. The establishment of the Archdiocesan Building Commission is effective immediately. The Commission, its functions, and its membership shall be governed by its Charter, which is to be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

The Commission shall function in a consultative capacity and shall offer its recommendations to the Archbishop or his delegate. Its role does not diminish the authority of the Archbishop or those who exercise administrative responsibility in accord with law.

This decree is to be published on the website of the Archdiocese and in the next edition of the *Leaven*.

Given at the Chancery in Kansas City, KS on the 14th day of July, the Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, in the year of Our Lord 2026.



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