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### **American National Catholic Church Establishes Executive Council**

The American National Catholic Church (ANCC) is pleased to announce the establishment of its Executive Council. The primary function of this body is to advise the Presiding Bishop on issues, concerns and programs of the National Church. The council is tasked with managing and administrating policies and programs of the church in the areas of spiritual formation and direction, communications and media, business and finances, current and future identity and direction.

The Executive Council acts on behalf of the clergy and religious in direct service to the People of God within the jurisdiction of the ANCC. The Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend George Lucey, FCM, has charged the council to act with charity, compassion and love in all its dealings.

The permanent members of the council are the Vicar General, the Vicar of Communications, the Vicar of Finances, the Vicar of Formation, the Chancellor, and three lay, rotating members from St. Thomas More ANCC, Sacred Heart of Jesus ANCC, and Our Lady of Guadalupe ANCC, parishes not already represented on the council.

The American National Catholic Church is an inclusive Catholic community independent of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to making the world a more caring place. Guided by a presiding bishop, the ANCC celebrates the same sacraments as the Roman Church and follows the spirit of reform initiated by the Second Vatican Council. Although sharing core theological and liturgical practices with Roman Catholicism, the ANCC differs on several major points, such as married clergy, female priests, divorce and re-marriage, same-sex marriage, and lay leadership. The Church has parishes across the U.S. and a host of ministries to the alienated, under-served, and forgotten. For more information, visit [www.TheANCC.org](http://www.TheANCC.org).