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DECREE ON ACTS OF ADMINISTRATION

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Dear Brothers in the Lord,

You are a blessing to me in all of your ministry. Your faithfulness in shepherding your people is a clear sign of God's goodness in the Church. You do this through the three *munera* of the priesthood: sanctifying, teaching and governing. This third *munera*, governing, is one that I realize can take more time and energy than many would like. It is, however, a pastoral responsibility we all share so that we can be good stewards of the temporal goods of the parish.

In this area, I am happy to announce a change in one practice in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester that will be effective immediately. The threshold for requesting proxy votes from myself and the Vicar General is being raised for the first time in over three decades, as follows:

- Ordinary Acts of Administration that require a vote by the Civil Corporation Board is raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000.
- Extraordinary Acts of Administration that require a vote by the Civil Corporation Board and a presentation before the College of Consultors is raised from \$100,000 to \$120,000.
- Major fundraising campaigns that require a vote by the Civil Corporation Board and a presentation before the College of Consultors is raised from \$100,000 to \$120,000.

In addition to these changes, I also remind you of the other acts of administration that require a vote by the Civil Corporation Board and a presentation before the College of Consultors:

- Alienation of property (land, buildings, real estate, etc.)
- Purchase of property (land, buildings, real estate, etc.)
- Loans
- Any act of administration by a church designated as "Oratory Status" that exceeds \$1,000

All of the acts of administration listed in this letter apply to all Catholic parishes, schools and cemeteries within the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. Please share this decree with your trustees and anybody else that will benefit from knowing of this change in policy.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ John M Quinn

Most Rev. John M. Quinn
Bishop of Winona-Rochester