Policy on Requests for Assistance from the Diocesan Chancellor

Requests for legal assistance from the Chancellor by clergy, parishes, missions, and special congregations must be coordinated with the Canon to the Ordinary prior to contacting the Chancellor, except in the case of an emergency. In most cases the parish will be responsible for legal fees charged by the Chancellor. Missions must consult with the Canon to the Ordinary before any legal fees are incurred with the Chancellor or any other attorney. Missions may receive financial assistance from the Office of the Bishop.