

*Excerpts from the Canons of the Diocese of Los Angeles*

## On Schools

*The Commission on Schools*

**18.03** The Bishop shall establish a Diocesan Commissions on Schools, whose duty it shall be: to give general supervision to all Parish day schools within the Diocese; to advance their welfare; to increase their number; and to interpret their work.

(a.) The Commission, with the approval of the Bishop, shall establish, and shall from time to time, revise minimum standards for the official certification of all Parish Day Schools of the Diocese. Only schools so certified, or granted provisional acceptance by the Commission shall be officially endorsed and recognized by the Diocese.

(b.) Any Parish or Mission desiring to establish a certified parish day school shall, before proceeding thereto, secure the permission of the Commission, acting with the advice and consent of the Bishop. All applications to organize such schools shall be investigated by the Commission, and it shall make a written report, together with recommendations, to the Bishop within thirty days from the date of application.

(c.) In order to obtain certification, each school shall satisfy the Commission that the ultimate control rests unalienably in the Rector, Wardens and Vestry in the case of a parish, or the Bishop in the case of a Mission.

(d.) Upon request of the Bishop, the Commission shall investigate for certification any Diocesan School or any school seeking Diocesan recognition. All schools thus certified shall be under the supervision of, and affiliated with, the Commission.

(e.) The Commission may, with the approval of the Bishop, withdraw certification from any school failing to maintain minimum standards. In all such cases, a full report in writing shall be filed with the Bishop.

(f.) The Commission, with the approval of the Bishop, may appoint a Superintendent of the Schools of the Diocese, who shall be the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

(g.) The Commission, with the approval of the Bishop, is authorized to affiliate with organizations or movements concerned with promoting the interest of a Church-sponsored school, provided that approval is also received from Diocesan Council.

(h.) The term "Parish Day School" in these Canons means any school having classes of Nursery grade or higher, operated and supported by a Parish or Mission of the Diocese of Los Angeles.

*Financial Report of Schools to be reported*

**8.02** The officers of the school or nursery shall prepare an annual financial report which shall be audited by an independent Certified Public Accountant, independent Licensed Public Accountant, or by an independent commission appointed by the officers of the school under the guidelines established by the Program Group on Stewardship and Finance. A certificate of report of the audit and financial report shall be filed with Secretary of Convention for transmittal to the Treasurer of the Diocese in accordance with the provisions of Title I, Canon VII Section 1(5) of the Canons of the Episcopal Church.