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## **2012 Parish Council Conferences Scheduled**

Diocesan Parish Council Conferences have been scheduled for the Diocese, each hosted regionally by one of the Deaneries. These conferences are an integral part of strengthening parish communities, empowering faithful leadership, and building a solid foundation for church growth and health. **Parish rectors and council members are expected to attend one of the conferences** -- either in their respective deaneries or, if schedules will not permit it, one of the other sessions. *The critical importance of full participation by all persons serving on parish councils has been clearly emphasized by Bishop Michael and was enthusiastically affirmed by the Diocesan Council at its meeting on 25 April 2012.* 

New Jersey Deanery ~ June 16, 2012 ~ Clifton NJ

New York State Deanery ~ June 23, 2012 ~ Endicott NY

## New York City Deanery ~ June 24, 2012 ~ Whitestone NY

Conferences will be facilitated by Maureen Jury (Diocese of the South; Metropolitan Council Member). The focus will be on financial stewardship. The topic is timely and vital; the expertise and experiences that Maureen brings to the discussion will certainly lead to the sharing of ideas, concerns, successes/failures, and begin a process of future development.

Parish rectors are instructed to convey this information to their parish council members.

Details regarding the conferences will be forthcoming. A good source for the most current information is the diocesan website: nynjoca.org