



Patriarchs Council Statement

25-27 Jan 2016



Council Attendees

Abp Craig Bates
Bp Douglas Kessler
Bp Elmer Belmonte

Abp Paulo Garcia
Bishop Ricardo Alcaraz
Bp Michael Davidson

Abp Chuck Jones
Bp Yuhanna Prakash

Guests

Bp Andre Novies
Fr Terry Gensemer

Bp Eugene Lilly
Fr Ivan Rocha

Reports on the State of the church: Reports on the current status of the International Church were presented, with discussion of the future as well as reports from all other Territories.

Canons: The canons were modified to address issues of Holy Matrimony, Convocation and Council meetings filling vacancies.

Catechism: The Patriarch spoke about how using the ICCEC catechism is important to educate our people. He emphasized that we need to implement the catechism, and ensure its adherence on all levels. The catechism is a foundation for our communion.

CEC for Life: Fr Terry Gensemer presented the activities of CEC for Life in 2015 and plans for the future.

Holy Days: A Coordinating Draft of ICCEC Holy and Feast Days for distributed for comment.

Next Meeting: The 2017 Patriarch's Council will be held at the Cathedral Church of the Intercessor, Malverne, NY, on 25,26,27 April 2017.