

## Enduring Power of Attorney

**Policy No. 404**

**Policy Statement:** Archdiocesan priests are encouraged to arrange for an Enduring Power of Attorney.

**Intent of Policy:** In the event a priest is unable to make decisions about his personal financial matters or property, a trusted family member or friend can be chosen to assist with financial decisions.

**Definitions:** An Enduring Power of Attorney states a person's wishes about their personal financial matters or property.

The Enduring Power of Attorney is a separate legal document and is not part of the personal directive.

**Procedure:**

- a) The Enduring Power of Attorney can be prepared with the help of a lawyer.
- b) A copy of the priest's enduring POA is to be placed in a sealed envelope and submitted to the Office of the Chancellor for safekeeping. A copy should also go to the person serving as the "attorney."

**Refer to Policy:**  
No. 414 Personal Directive