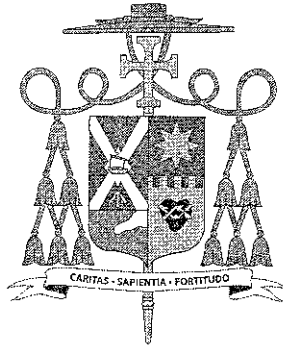


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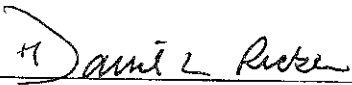
### REQUIREMENTS for the Building and Renovation of Churches in the Diocese of Green Bay

*The following requirements are to be observed in the construction or renovation of churches in the Diocese of Green Bay. If limitations, restrictions or circumstances require a dispensation, contact Bishop Ricken for the dispensation.*

1. The altar is to be located in the central axis of the church.
2. The tabernacle is to be located:
  - a. "Either in the sanctuary, apart from the altar of celebration, in a form and place more appropriate, not excluding on an old altar no longer used for celebration;
  - b. Or even in some chapel suitable for the faithful's private adoration and prayer and originally connected to the church and readily visible to the Christian faithful." (GIRM, 315)
3. At least one Reconciliation Chapel with an environment conducive to prayer is to be provided. It needs to be visible and accessible, provide for privacy and visibility, adorned with appropriate religious art, contain provision for anonymous confession, such as a fixed grill and allow for confession face-to-face for those who prefer that option. Furniture should include a chair for the priest and a kneeler and chair for the penitent. Proximity to the baptismal font enhances the connection of Baptism and Reconciliation.

4. A crucifix is to be located in the sanctuary. In any case, a cross with a figure of Christ crucified upon it, is to be positioned near the altar and to be clearly visible to the assembly.
5. An image of the patron of the parish is to be located in a prominent place in the church.
6. An image of Mary is to be located near or within the sanctuary.
7. Kneelers are to be provided so that all members of the assembly may kneel when the liturgy requires it.
8. A liturgical consultant is to be hired for all building and major renovating projects for the Worship Space. The liturgical consultant, who assists in drawing up the liturgical design, is to be chosen from the list of consultants approved by the Diocese.
9. The preliminary plans and design of the worship space are to be reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Building Commission before the final architectural plan is submitted for approval.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Green Bay, on the eighteenth day of November of the year two thousand and eight.

  
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Most Reverend David L. Ricken  
Bishop of Green Bay

  
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Vicar General and Chancellor