



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Decree

Clergy Pet Policy

After consultation with the Presbyteral Council, and upon their recommendation, I hereby decree that the following paragraph replace Series 1000, section 1236 of the Clergy Personnel Policy:

Personal household pets are not allowed indoors in rectories and parish office space. By mutual agreement of those living in the rectory, exceptions can be made for small animals kept within confined spaces, e.g., an aquarium or caged birds. Care must be taken that pets kept outdoors in proximity to living space do not create an annoyance to residents, such as can happen by loud noises (barking, etc.) or lack of adequate clean up.

This policy takes effect January 1, 2017 prospectively; thus, priests who currently keep household pets in indoor spaces may continue to do so.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, this 10th day of February 2017.

Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

Reverend Monsignor C. Michael Padazinski
Chancellor