

The 206th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine

25 October 2025

Cross Insurance Center, Bangor

RULES OF ORDER

1. Voting will be conducted by online ballot made available through an internet browser accessible through each voters' personal device such as a smartphone, tablet, or laptop. For delegates lacking a personal device, alternative means will be provided.
2. Nominations from the floor for any office will be ruled out of order, unless the chair, in its discretion, determines that such a nomination is necessary under the circumstances.
3. In all elections, on the first two ballots for each office, a majority vote is necessary for election. On the third ballot, a plurality will suffice for election.
4. For the election of the Trustees of Diocesan Funds, the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected.
5. Delegates desiring to speak shall stand or otherwise indicate as they are able and be recognized by the chair before speaking. They will state their names and which congregations they represent.
6. Delegates may address the chair as "Bishop" or "Bishop Brown".
7. All delegates are expected to be in attendance and to vote; no abstaining vote will be accepted.
8. In accordance with Canon 27, Section 1, resolutions amending any Canon will require a majority vote of each Order (clergy and lay).
9. No motion to cut off debate in a matter before Convention shall be in order until each side has been allowed a minimum of five (5) minutes for the presentation of its views.
10. The chair may call for the Convention to vote following three delegates who have spoken in support of a matter, and when no other delegate wishes to speak in opposition.
11. No one shall speak more than once on a question until everyone desiring to speak has had a chance to speak. Speakers will limit speaking time to five (5) minutes.
12. No new resolutions from the floor shall be presented to this Convention unless by two-thirds (2/3) vote granting that right.
13. For the 207th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine on Nov. 7, 2026, the deadline for delegates' names is Aug. 1, 2026, and the deadline for nominations and resolutions is Oct. 1, 2026.

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