Complaint Process
Refer to 2016 Book of Discipline for specifics

BISHOP
- Initiates or receives written and signed complaint
  Supervisory response begins (¶362)
  (90-day time period; extendable for 30 days)

BISHOP (OR DESIGNEE)
- Interviews complainant, who has the right to have support person present (¶362.1b)
- Interviews respondent, who has the right to have advocate present (¶362.1b)

BISHOP DECIDES TO
- within 90 days, or 120 days if a 30-day extension is approved

BISHOP (OR DESIGNEE)
- Bishop contacts protective services if a child or vulnerable adult is involved
- Bishop informs BOM Chair a complaint has been received and the general nature of complaint (¶362.1b)
- Bishop informs complainant and respondent in writing of the process (¶362.1a)

BISHOP
- Return to bishop for dismissal, further administrative action or just resolution (¶2706.5c)

COUNSEL FOR CHURCH
- Prepares and signs judicial complaint (¶2704.2b)
- Prepares or receives written and signed complaint
- Supervisory follow-up and healing at any point in process (¶362.1f)

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION
- Determines if the judicial complaint should be brought to trial (¶2704.2, 2706)
- Prepares/signs bill of charges
  Trial (¶2707-11)
  Appeal (¶2715-16)

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION
- Yes: Prepares/signs bill of charges
  Trial (¶2707-11)
  Appeal (¶2715-16)

OR

COUNSEL FOR CHURCH
- Dismiss with consent of Cabinet; insufficient evidence (¶362.1e)

OR

BISHOP
- Initiate a just resolution process at any point (¶362.1c)

OR

REFER TO COUNSEL FOR CHURCH
- (¶362.1e[2]; 2704.2a; 2708.7)