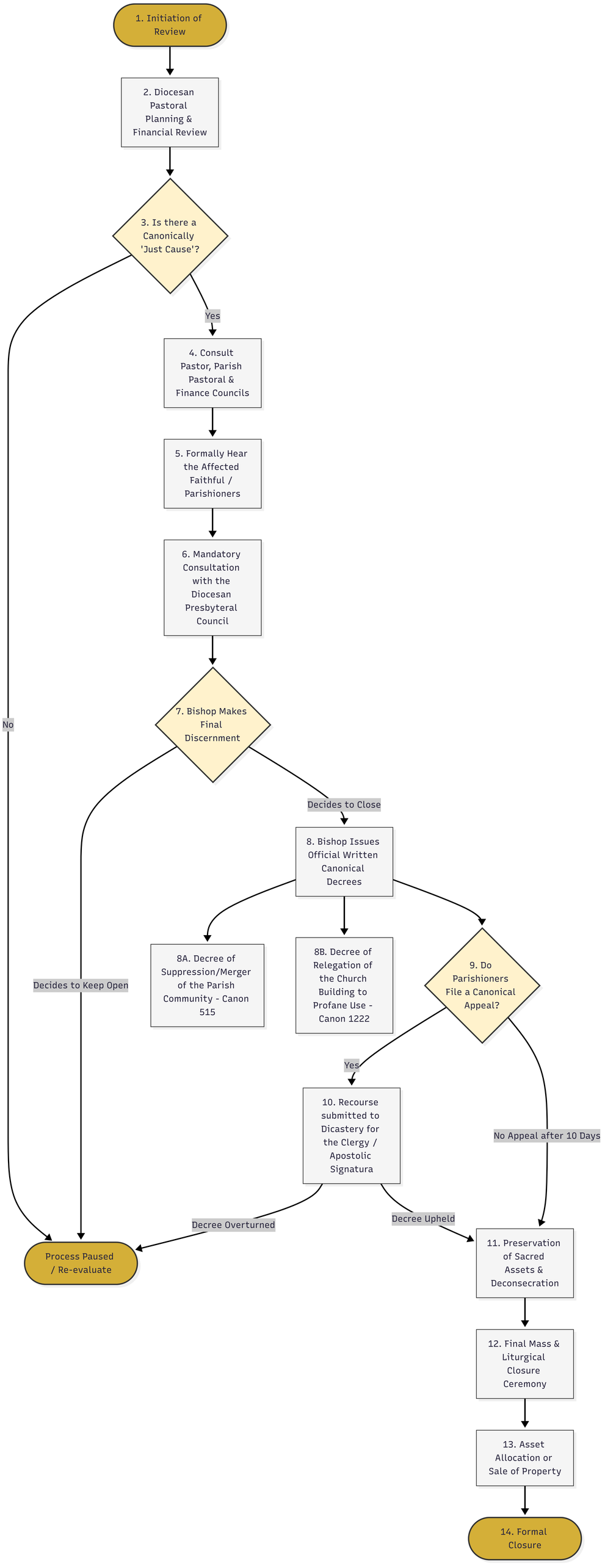

1. Initiation of Review
2. Diocesan Pastoral Planning & Financial Review
3. Is there a Canonically 'Just Cause'?
Yes
No
4. Consult Pastor, Parish Pastoral & Finance Councils
5. Formally Hear the Affected Faithful / Parishioners
6. Mandatory Consultation with the Diocesan Presbyteral Council
7. Bishop Makes Final Discernment
Decides to Close
Decides to Keep Open
8. Bishop Issues Official Written Canonical Decrees
8A. Decree of Suppression/Merger of the Parish Community - Canon 515
8B. Decree of Relegation of the Church Building to Profane Use - Canon 1222
9. Do Parishioners File a Canonical Appeal?
Yes
No Appeal after 10 Days
10. Recourse submitted to Dicastery for the Clergy / Apostolic Signatura
Decree Overturned
Decree Upheld
Process Paused / Re-evaluate
11. Preservation of Sacred Assets & Deconsecration
12. Final Mass & Liturgical Closure Ceremony
13. Asset Allocation or Sale of Property
14. Formal Closure