



DEACON PARISH MINISTRY AGREEMENT

Deacon Name _____ Cellular Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Home Phone _____
Parish _____ City _____ Pastor/Supervisor _____

Upon ordination, permanent deacons within the Archdiocese of Louisville establish a parish ministry agreement with their pastors. This agreement involves evaluating the community's needs and recognizing the unique gifts the deacon offers, ensuring these talents are effectively employed to address those needs. The Parish Ministry Agreement must demonstrate an understanding of the deacon's family and professional commitments, while also promoting the spiritual development and well-being of the deacon and his family. The agreement should encapsulate a comprehensive understanding of the diaconate's ministerial role, which is complementary yet distinct from that of the priest, who serves as the leader and presider of the parish.

DEACON AS SERVANT OF THE WORD | Evangelizing, Preaching, Teaching, and Catechetical

1. Homily at Sunday Mass? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how often? _____ At how many Masses? _____
2. Homily at Daily Liturgies? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how often? _____ At how many Liturgies? _____
3. Ministers in the following area(s):
 - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
 - Adult Formation/Education
 - Religious Education and/or Youth Ministry
 - Marriage Preparation
 - Baptismal Preparation
 - Confirmation Preparation
 - Ecumenical Functions
 - Facilitating Retreats, Days of Reflection, etc
 - Other Catechetical Ministry

DEACON AS SERVANT OF LITURGY | Liturgical and Sacramental (Specify responsibilities):

1. Assist at Eucharist? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how often?
2. Conduct Communion Services? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, where?
3. Confer Baptisms? Yes ☐ No ☐ If so, how often?
4. Witness Marriages? Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Presider for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, other prayer services? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what?
6. Presider for Funeral Rites – Vigil, Committals, etc Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Presider for the Liturgy of the Hours? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, how often?
8. Administer Sacramentals of the Church? Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Serve on Liturgy Committee, or Participate in training of Liturgical Ministers? Yes ☐ No ☐
10. Other Liturgical Ministries

DEACON AS SERVANT OF CHARITY | Pastoral, Advocacy for Justice (Specify responsibilities):

1. Ministry to the poor, disabled, homeless, and hungry:
2. Ministry to the homebound, sick, and dying:
3. Ministry to those in nursing homes and assisted living:
4. Ministry to the mentally ill or chemically dependent:
5. Ministry to the immigrants and refugees:
6. Advocacy of social justice and peace in the community:
7. Ministry in jails, prisons, and halfway houses:
8. Assistance with annulments:
9. Pastoral Counseling and Guidance? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what kind?
10. Ministry as Parish Administrator? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, what kind?
11. Other Pastoral Ministry:

OTHER SPECIFIC PARISH MINISTRIES NOT LISTED ABOVE:

This agreement remains in force for a period of three years unless one is reassigned by the Archbishop to another parish or ministry setting or a new pastor is assigned to the parish. The parish is requested to reimburse the deacon for out-of-pocket expenses and pay for continuing education up to \$_____ and pay for an annual retreat. The parish is also urged to pay for the wife's retreat.

Signature of Deacon

Date

Signature of Pastor

Date

Signature of Deacon's Wife

Date

Recognition by Director of Diaconal Ministry

Date

Supplemental Information

Please include any additional responses to the above questions here.