

Office of the Diaconate

MINISTRY COVENANT

Deacon's Name: _____

Parish/Agency: _____

Covenant Termination Date: _____

This covenant for ministry is entered into on this date _____ for a _____ year period ending on **June 30**, _____, as mutually agreed to by deacon, pastor/director. The deacon hereby agrees to commit the indicated hours per month in the specified areas of ministry. This includes ministry outside the parish. The Archdiocesan expectation is that each deacon will commit to a minimum of ten (10) hours of service per month, in addition to liturgical ministry. (Sec. II).

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I. MINISTRY OF CHARITY AND JUSTICE

Total hours per month:

 Shelters - PADS Visitation of Nursing Homes Visitation of Hospitals Visitation of Prisoners St. Vincent De Paul Parish Peace and Justice Commission Food Pantry Pro-life Advocacy Chaplain Duty: Outreach Program: Other: Other:**II. LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

Total hours per month:

 Rite of Baptism Eucharistic Services/Prayer Services Rite of Marriage Deacon of the Mass Rite of Funerals (Wakes/Interments/Funerals) Other: Other: Other:**III. MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

Total hours per month:

 Bible Study Adult Education/Workshops Lector Training Baptismal Preparation Marriage Preparation Liturgy Team Preaching Prayer Group Religious Education RCIA/RCIC SPRED Renew/CRHP Retreat Master/Team Member Youth or Young Adult Other:

VI. POLICY REGARDING MINISTERIAL EXPECTATIONS

Ministerial Development: Each deacon is required to complete a specific number of hours of ministerial development (continuing growth and formation) every three years based on age and years of ministry. The needs of the community being served and the enhancement of the individual's skills should assist you in guiding your deacon in specifying areas to be pursued during the time frame of this agreement. These requirements are listed in the Policy and Handbook for the Diaconate.

Retreat: Each deacon is expected to make an annual retreat.

Special Conditions of Ministry, (if any):

Financial Support for the ministry of the deacon shall be provided in accordance with archdiocesan policy. Additional arrangements, if any, are as follows:

Supervisor: A supervisor must be specified (typically, this is the pastor, but can be another delegated by the pastor or agency director). Regular ongoing supervision enhances the deacon's contribution to the parish or agency as well as his involvement in ministry and fulfillment. His relationship to the pastoral staff and pastoral council should be discussed. This helps to define lines of communication and accountability and can minimize difficulties that may arise among the collaborating ministers.

The supervisor for this agreement is:

Deacon's Signature

Date

Pastor/Director's Signature

Date

Wife's Signature

Date

Supervisor's Signature

Date