



Please Type/Print Names:

Deacon

Pastor

Parish

The Order of Deacons is to be a driving force for the Church's service or diakonia of the local Christian community, a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself, who "came not to be served but to serve." (*Mt 20:28*) Deacons are ordained to be ministers of the **Word**, of **Liturgy**, and of **Charity**, the deacon is ordained for all of these and so he must be willing to undertake each in some way. (*National Directory for the Formation Ministry & Life of Permanent Deacons in the U. S.*)

This self-assessment is provided to give the deacon an opportunity to communicate to their pastor and the Bishop their standing as a deacon and the ministries they are engaged within the parish and local community. Because there is no way to list all the ministries that a deacon may be serving the below lists are the categories used for the CARA studies on the diaconate. Check all categories that apply to your diaconal service to God's people.

1. Ministry of Charity and Justice as Witness and Guide: *Check the category(ies) that the ministry(ies) you serve fit and declare your **primary** outside the wall ministry of Charity & Justice in the space provided.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to the Poor | <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry to the Incarcerated | <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk Youth Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right to Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Persons w/Special Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Charities/CRS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Care / Hospice | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions outside the U.S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplin (Hospital or First Responder) | | |

All Deacons must declare a **primary** ministry in the community – *outside the walls of the parish*. Please identify and briefly describe your **primary** ministry of Charity & Justice. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

2. Ministry of the Word as Evangelizer and Teacher:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Homilist | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation (Children) | <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Teams | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Formation (Adult) | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry of Consolation | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry (EDGE / LifeTeen) | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Preparation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA |

Check the specific role(s) you fill in your parish catechetical engagements:

- Catechist Facilitator Retreat Leader Mentor Couple Sponsor

3. Liturgical Ministry as Sanctifier:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon at the Mass | <input type="checkbox"/> Communion Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Exposition / Benediction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rite of Baptism | <input type="checkbox"/> Rite of Marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Wake Service / Internments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry to the Sick | | |

4. Diocesan / Diaconal Ministry:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tribunal Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Trained Spiritual Director | <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Mentor (Formation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deanery Lead Deacon | <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Workshop Presenter | <input type="checkbox"/> Diaconate Formation Presenter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop Appointment (Specify): _____ | | |

5. **Deacon in Good Standing:** I have completed the following requirements last fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) to maintain my status as a Deacon in Good Standing:

- I maintain the status as a Deacon in Good Standing last reporting year.
- I have within the last 5 years completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Training & Background Clearance.
- I made an Overnight Spiritual Retreat this reporting period (*Included on the Continuing Formation Worksheet*)
- I participated in the annual Diaconate Convocation.
- I have accumulated 30 Credits of Continuing Formation (*Attached to this document*)
- I have met with my Pastor to discuss the Annual Pastor's Assessment & Needs of the Deacon
- I have a copy of my Funeral Arrangements filed with the Office of the Permanent Diaconate

6. **Secular Employment:** I am: retired ; employed full-time (*32+ hrs/wk*), part-time (*>32 hrs/wk*)

7. **Self-Development Plan:** Identify specific goals/activities/programs, in each area of personal and parish life, you feel would be beneficial for your continued formation as a Deacon? (*Use additional paper as necessary.*)

a. *Spirituality & Prayer* _____

b. *Community Service:* _____

c. *Married & Family Life:* _____

d. *Leadership & Parish Life:* _____

e. *Pastor/Deacon Relationship:* _____

Deacon must attach their Continuing Formation Worksheet

SIGNATURES:

Prepared by: _____ Date _____
Deacon

Received by: _____ *A copy will be filed in Deacon's permanent Record*
Director, Permanent Diaconate Date

The data collected will assist the Office of the Permanent Diaconate develop programs to better prepare deacons for the diverse roles, functions and ministries they serve in the parish and community.