

ARCHDEACONS

1 Appointment

- a) The Bishop shall appoint an archdeacon in accordance with Canon Four, s. 6.
- b) Archdeacons shall be Canons of Christ Church Cathedral and members of the Cathedral Advisory Chapter.
- c) Being a function, rather than an office, archdeacons will carry the title of “Canon” and use the salutations “The Venerable” and “Archdeacon” while serving an appointment as archdeacon.
- d) The Bishop may appoint an archdeacon for a term of office of an indefinite or specific period of time. An archdeacon serves at the pleasure of the Bishop.
- e) The desired qualifications of an archdeacon include the abilities to lead, advise and consult effectively, and to support parish clergy and laity within the Diocese.

2 Territorial Archdeacons

A territorial archdeacon shall:

- a) consult with clergy and parishes on administrative, financial, and pastoral problems; and, if necessary, refer them to the Bishop;
- b) assist in the process of appointments to parishes;
- c) share in the preparation of potential candidates for Holy Orders, including the initiation and oversight of parish discernment committees (see 7.1 The Parish Discernment Committee) when required;
- d) with the Regional Dean, arrange for pastoral and administrative oversight for open incumbencies;
- e) share in the oversight of diocesan programming as a member of the Diocesan Council;
- f) following institution by the Bishop, induct clergy appointed to the office of “priest and rector” when mandated to do so;
- g) install clergy or other appointed individuals to their respective parish offices (e.g. a priest-in-charge);
- h) examine all parish registers, inventories, buildings insurance coverage, property in each parish, and report on same to the Bishop;
- i) be the primary point of reference for clergy and parishes in administrative, financial and pastoral questions; and
- j) make a report to the Bishop at least annually or as required;
- h) who is a regular parish cleric shall endeavour to spend not more than fifty days per calendar year on archdeaconry or diocesan matters.

4 Diocesan or Executive Archdeacon(s)

The Bishop, with the approval of the Diocesan Council, may appoint archdeacons to exercise Diocesan supervisory functions.

5 Compensation and Reimbursement

The Diocesan Council shall establish the financial compensation and/or reimbursement payable to an archdeacon with respect to his or her archdiaconal functions.

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