

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) when mandated by the bishop to do so, induct clergy appointed to the office of rector or install clergy or other appointed individuals to their respective parish offices.
- g) examine all parish registers, inventories, buildings insurance coverage, property in each parish, and report on same to the bishop;
- h) be the primary point of reference for clergy and parishes in administrative, financial and pastoral questions;
- i) make a report to the Bishop at least annually or as required; and
- j) when also a regular parish cleric, shall endeavour to spend not more than fifty days per calendar year on archdeaconry or diocesan matters.

3 Episcopal or Executive Archdeacon(s)

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

4 Compensation and Reimbursement

The Diocesan Council shall establish the financial compensation and/or reimbursement payable to archdeacons with respect to their archdiaconal functions.