

Diaconal Ministry Covenant

Permanent Deacons are ordained to a ministry of service to the Diocese and commit to serving the people of God in the parish they are assigned or in special circumstances, other institutions within the Diocese. Permanent Deacons as ministers are expected to place a high priority on their Diaconal assignments and commitment to the Diaconal Community. Their vocation to the diaconate, while if married is secondary to their marriage vocation, is a commitment they have made to God and God’s Church and should be treated as such. The Diocese of Richmond recognizes that Permanent Deacons have responsibilities to their family and to their work profession, and that their work is often necessary in order to provide for their family. The Diocese supports a proper balance in the life of the Deacon between family requirements and Diaconal assignments. This Covenant is set up to outline the responsibilities of the Deacon which **INCLUDES** attendance at the annual Deacon Convocation and his Vicariate Gatherings. This Covenant is approved by the Deacon, the Pastor or Supervisor as assigned by the Bishop, the Deacon’s wife if married and the Deacon Director. It should be renewed annually by July 1 and reviewed/updated according to the provisions in the Deacon Manual

Deacon: _____

Assigned Parish: _____
or other position (if applicable) _____

Period of Service covered: From: _____ To: _____

Deacon _____ will be involved in the following parish ministries:

Liturgical Duties & Responsibilities:

Ministry of Charity (Diocesan i.e., Mentor, Unveiled Facilitator, hospitals, correction facilities, fire/police chaplain, food pantry, homeless shelter)

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Retreat for previous year.

Place _____

Date _____

Vicariate Quarterly Attended

Dates				
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Continuing Formation (Courses / Books / Seminars / Workshops / Acting Mentor / Clergy Study Days/ etc.)

Virtus bulletin training reading is up to date _____

Initial

Vulnerable Adults Training Module Complete _____

Initial

Funeral Plan on file with Diocese and Parish (annual document review)

Reviewed Date: _____

Initial

Digital Media Policy Annual Review: _____

Initial

Deacon: _____ Date: _____

Deacon's Wife (if married): _____ Date: _____

Pastor/ Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

Deacon Director: _____