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 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 quarterly 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.

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July 1, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through June 30, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Parish: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

or other position (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Above named deacon will be involved in the following parish ministries:  
**Liturgical Duties & Responsibilities:**

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

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

Reviewed Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
  *Initial*  
  
Code of Ethics Policy Annual Review: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 *Initial*  
**Digital Media Policy** Annual Review: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  *Initial*

*The information below is for the**previous year:*  
 **Retreat** attended:

Place\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Vicariate Quarterly Attended** – *list dates attended.*

First Quarter: Second Quarter:  
Third Quarter: Fourth Quarter:

**Continuing Formation:** *list applicable information*  
Seminars, workshops or courses attended / serves as formation mentor or facilitator/   
books read / Clergy Study Days/ etc.)

Deacon: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deacon’s Wife (if married): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deacon Director: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_