

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 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.

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)

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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: _____