

Diocese of San Diego

POLICY ON THE ASSIGNMENT OF DEACONS

The Bishop of San Diego appoints permanent deacons to assist him and the presbyterate in ministering to the people of God (cf. Canon 369).

I. GENERAL POLICIES

- A. Deacons function within the Diocese of San Diego according to the terms of their assignment and the diocesan faculties expressly granted them upon assignment by the bishop, observing faithfully all norms established in law.
- B. Deacons are accountable for their ministry to the bishop through the director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate.
- C. Deacons carry out their assigned duties in a spirit of collaborative ministry with the bishop, their pastors, other priests and deacons, and other diocesan and parish leaders who share responsibility for building up the local Church and for carrying out its mission.

II. ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES

- A. Deacons will be assigned to a diocesan position, parish, institution, ministry, organization or program according to approved pastoral need.
- B. Deacons seeking a change of assignment should contact the director of the Office for the Permanent Diaconate.
 - 1. The director will review requests and, if appropriate, forward them to the bishop.
 - 2. When requests are approved, formal letters of assignment are sent by the bishop.