

Diocese of San Diego

POLICY FOR INCARDINATION

In addition to the requirements of the 1983 Code of Canon Law, a priest seeking incardination in the Diocese of San Diego should also meet the following requirements:

1. Years of Service: There should be at least five years of full-time and continuous active service for the Diocese of San Diego and service must begin by age 55.
2. Assignments: There should be at least two different assignments and letters of recommendation from two of the perspective pastors.
3. Pastors' Recommendations: The recommendations of pastors should include a statement to the effect that the pastor would accept, as an associate, the priest applying for incardination.
4. Medical and Psychological Reports: There should be a medical report and a psychological evaluation by a physician and psychiatrist or psychologist approved by the diocese.
5. Pension Plan: All priests seeking incardination in the Diocese of San Diego must participate in the Pension Plan for Priests and in the Social Security System, unless dispensed by the bishop.
6. Age limit: Priests must apply for incardination no later than age 55.