

Diocese of San Diego

VICAR FOR CLERGY

Purpose: The Vicar for Clergy is to serve the diocesan presbyterate and diaconate. The director is an ex-officio member of the Presbyteral Council and Diaconate Council and is assisted in his work by a designated group of priests and deacons.

Goals:

1. To foster clergy spirituality.
2. To assist clergy in their on-going formation including its human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral dimensions.
3. To minister to active, inactive and retired clergy and to promote their ministry to one another.

Objectives:

1. To provide retreat and other opportunities and information for the spiritual enrichment and pastoral development of clergy.
2. To oversee planning and coordination of the annual diocesan sponsored convocation of priests and deacons and other opportunities for in-service and the ongoing formation of clergy (e.g., days of prayer, assemblies and workshops).
3. To encourage priestly fraternity and participation in Jesus Caritas or priest support groups and to encourage diaconate fraternity.
4. To provide opportunities specifically intended for:
 - clergy in their first year of ministry;
 - clergy ordained through 5 years;
 - clergy needing inculturation assistance;
 - clergy who are new pastors;
 - clergy approaching retirement;
 - clergy in retirement.
5. To assist priests in reference to:
 - sabbatical programs;
 - language studies;
 - advanced studies.
6. To assist priests in seeking confidential professional counseling.
7. To assist the bishop in the pastoral care of priests.