



DIOCESE OF
Jefferson City

Faculties and Permissions

For Deacons

Office of the Bishop
2019



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FOR DEACONS**

In addition to the rights and privileges granted by the universal law of the Roman Catholic Church, the following faculties or permissions are granted to all deacons incardinated in the Diocese of Jefferson City (unless they have been expressly revoked in a particular instance). They are also given to other deacons approved by the local ordinary for service in the Diocese, including retired deacons. They are revoked automatically when these non-incardinated deacons depart from residence in the Diocese.

In a spirit of trust and in keeping with the principle of subsidiarity, every effort has been made to extend the discretionary authority of clergy in the exercise of their ministry.

Any other faculties or permissions granted in any way by an ordinary of the Diocese and not mentioned herein are hereby revoked.

These faculties and permissions become effective on October 1, 2019, and are given to all those deacons who immediately prior to that date enjoyed the faculties of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

Dated this 12th day of September 2019.

Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D.
Bishop of Jefferson City



Mrs. Constance Schepers
Chancellor

The Diocese of Jefferson City

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The following faculties apply to all deacons who are in good standing and who are incardinated in the Diocese of Jefferson City, or who have a residence in the Diocese; and have been approved by the Diocesan Bishop to minister within the territory of the Diocese of Jefferson City.

I. BAPTISM

1. The ordinary minister of baptism is a bishop, priest, or deacon (c.861, §1). The pastor by virtue of his office is especially entrusted to administer baptism in his parish (c.530, §1).
2. Deacons may administer the Sacrament of Baptism to infants with the permission of the pastor of the parish church in which the baptism is conferred.
3. All deacons have the faculty to administer the Sacrament of Baptism to those in danger of death (cc.865, §2; 867, §2).

II. MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1. Deacons have the faculty:
2. To proclaim the Scriptures to the faithful;
3. To teach the faithful after consultation with the pastor and after obtaining his approval;
4. To preach when the deacon is the presiding minister of a sacrament or a liturgical rite;
5. To preach occasionally at Mass with the approval of the Celebrant;
6. To catechize Catechumens and Candidates.

III. EUCHARIST

1. The ordinary minister of Holy Communion is a bishop, priest or deacon (c.910, 1).
The Deacon may:
2. Distribute Holy Communion at Mass and bring Holy Communion to the sick at the direction of the pastor.
3. Fulfill his role in assisting the Celebrant in the Liturgy of the Eucharist; to carry out with the priests of the parish the various liturgical roles in service at the altar (with proper liturgical dress and with the permission of the Celebrant).
4. Be the minister of Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

IV. MARRIAGE

1. Deacons may assist at marriages in the parish to which the deacon is assigned, having received delegation from the pastor and in other parishes of the Diocese with the proper delegation. (A deacon may only witness the vows in the Rite of Marriage outside of Mass in which he presides.)

V. FUNERALS

1. The Deacon may preside at funeral and burial rites (liturgical wake services, non-Eucharistic funeral services, and cemetery services) in accord with the Order of Christian Funerals.

VI. MINISTRY

1. The Deacon's ministry also includes the following:
2. To assist and to support the pastor and priests of the parish in their pastoral and liturgical duties.
3. To bestow only those blessings granted to deacons according to the Book of Blessings.

4. Preside at celebrations of the Liturgy of the Hours with the faithful.
5. To coordinate works of charity under the authority of the Diocesan Bishop and the local pastor.



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