Deacon's Annual SELF ASSESSMENT

Please Type/Print Names:

Deacon	*Pastor*	*Parish*

The Order of Deacons is to be a driving force for the Church's service or diakonia of the local Christian community, a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ himself, who "came not to be served but to serve." *(Mt 20:28)* Deacons are ordained to be ministers of the **Word**, of **Liturgy**, and of **Charity**, the deacon is ordained for all of these and so he must be willing to undertake each in some way. *(National Directory for the Formation Ministry & Life of Permanent Deacons in the U. S.)*

This self-assessment is provided to give the deacon an opportunity to communicate to their pastor and the Bishop their standing as a deacon and the ministries they are engaged within the parish and local community. Because there is no way to list all the ministries that a deacon may be serving the below lists are the categories used for the CARA studies on the diaconate. Utilize the Deacon Self-Assessment Instructions to assist in classifying ministries you participate. Check all categories that apply to your diaconal service to God's people.

1. **Ministry of Charity and Justice as Witness and Guide:** *Check the category(ies) that the ministry(ies) you serve fit and declare your **primary** outside the wall ministry of Charity & Justice in the space provided.*

   ☐ Outreach to the Poor   ☐ Ministry to the Incarcerated   ☐ At Risk Youth Programs
   ☐ Right to Life   ☐ Persons w/Special Needs   ☐ Catholic Charities/CRS
   ☐ Advocacy Programs   ☐ Elder Care / Hospice   ☐ Missions outside the U.S.
   ☐ Chaplain (Hospital or First Responder)

   All Deacons must declare a (one) **primary** ministry in the community – *outside the walls of the parish.* Please identify and briefly describe your **primary** ministry of Charity & Justice. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

2. **Ministry of the Word as Evangelizer and Teacher:**

   ☐ Homilist   ☐ Faith Formation (Children)   ☐ Baptismal Preparation
   ☐ Retreat Teams   ☐ Faith Formation (Adult)   ☐ Confirmation Preparation
   ☐ Ministry of Consolation ☐ Youth Ministry (EDGE / LifeTeen)   ☐ Marriage Preparation
                             ☐ Young Adults   ☐ RCIA

   Check the specific role(s) you fill in your parish catechetical engagements:

   ☐ Catechist   ☐ Facilitator   ☐ Retreat Leader   ☐ Mentor Couple   ☐ Sponsor

3. **Liturgical Ministry as Sanctifier:**

   ☐ Deacon at the Mass   ☐ Communion Services   ☐ Exposition / Benediction
   ☐ Rite of Baptism   ☐ Rite of Marriage   ☐ Wake Service / Internments
   ☐ Ministry to the Sick

4. **Diocesan / Diaconal Ministry:**

   ☐ Tribunal Advocate   ☐ Trained Spiritual Director   ☐ Deacon Mentor (Formation)
   ☐ Deanery Lead Deacon   ☐ Diocesan Workshop Presenter   ☐ Diaconate Formation Presenter
   ☐ Bishop Appointment (Specify):

5. **Deacon in Good Standing:** I have completed the following requirements last fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) to maintain my status as a Deacon in Good Standing:

   ☐ I maintain the status as a Deacon in Good Standing last reporting year.
   ☐ I have within the last 5 years completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Training & Background Clearance.
   ☐ I made an Overnight Spiritual Retreat this reporting period *(Included on the Continuing Formation Worksheet)*
   ☐ I participated in the annual Diaconate Convocation.
   ☐ I have accumulated 30 Credits of Continuing Formation *(Attached to this document)*
   ☐ I have met with my Pastor to discuss the Annual Pastor's Assessment & Needs of the Deacon
   ☐ I have a copy of my Funeral Arrangements filed with the Office of the Permanent Diaconate

6. **Secular Employment**: I am: retired ☐; employed ☐ full-time *(32+ hrs/wk)*, ☐ part-time *(>32 hrs/wk)*

7. **Self-Development Plan:** Identify specific goals/activities/programs, in each area of personal and parish life, you feel would be beneficial for your continued formation as a Deacon? *(Use additional paper as necessary.)*

   a. *Spirituality & Prayer* _____

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   b. *Community Service*: _____

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   c. *Married & Family Life***:** _____

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   d. *Leadership & Parish Life***:** _____

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   e. *Pastor/Deacon Relationship***:** _____

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Deacon must attach their Continuing Formation Worksheet

SIGNATURES:

Prepared by: _____   _____
              Deacon   Date

Received by: _____   _____ *A copy will be filed in Deacon's permanent Record*
              Director, Permanent Diaconate   Date

The data collected will assist the Office of the Permanent Diaconate develop programs to better prepare deacons for the diverse roles, functions and ministries they serve in the parish and community.