



CLEARANCE POLICY FOR CLERGY OR LAY SPEAKERS

POLICY

All visiting priests, religious, and lay persons (including musicians) who are invited to come to the diocese must receive clearance and/or permission through the Office of Chancellor for Canonical Affairs before they are able to perform any type of public ministry, parish missions, days of reflection, concerts, or speaking engagements.

As we effort to enkindle a deeper faith among the holy people of God, it is the expectation that lay persons who are invited to lead these events or celebrations will be Catholics active in their parish and faith journey.

For priests, a Certification of Good Standing and Priestly Aptitude must be received from the priest's Bishop or Religious Superior before faculties can be granted. The request for the required certification is made by the Office of the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs. For lay speakers/presenters/musicians, a current letter from their pastor stating their credentials and certifying that they are a practicing Catholic in good standing in the Church must be received before permission is granted. Ideally, requests for clearance should be submitted at least 4 to 6 months prior to arrival.

Publication of any event or celebration will **only** occur if the appropriate clearance has been received through the Office of Chancellor for Canonical Affairs.

Please contact info@orlandodiocese.org for further information or to request clearance for a visiting clergy, religious, or lay person.

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