



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 Word, Liturgy, and Charity. He must be willing to undertake each in some way. (*National Directory for the Formation Ministry & Life of Permanent Deacons in the U. S.*)

The undersigned acknowledge that the Permanent Deacon is an ordained minister of the Roman Catholic Church who has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He is thus empowered by the grace of the Sacrament to carry out all aspects of Diaconal ministry.

This **MINISTRY COVENANT** addresses specifically the ministry of

who is being assigned to:

This **MINISTRY COVENANT** becomes effective upon official assignment letter from the Bishop of Orlando. It is to be used and may be reviewed and modified, by the pastor or administrator and the deacon, for any of the following circumstances:

- ☐ A man is being ordained to the Order of Deacon on <date>,
- ☐ A deacon extern seeking faculties within the Diocese of Orlando,
- ☐ A directed or approved request for the re-assignment of the deacon,
- ☐ The assignment of a new pastor or administrator, or
- ☐ Upon the request of any of the parties involved.

This **MINISTRY COVENANT** expects the deacon to function in all Sacramental and Pastoral areas appropriate to his ministry of Word, Liturgy, and Charity. The deacon's specific assignments include:

• **Ministry of Liturgy** (*check all that apply*):

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

• **Ministry of the Word** (*check all that apply*):

- ☐ Homilist (*as scheduled*) Faith Formation (☐ Children, ☐ Adults, ☐ Retreat Teams)
- Sacramental Prep (☐ Baptism, ☐ First Eucharist, ☐ Confirmation, ☐ Marriage, ☐ RCIA)
- ☐ Ministry of Consolation, ☐ Youth Ministry (EDGE / LifeTeen), ☐ Young Adults,
- ☐ Spiritual Direction/Companion, ☐ Other ministry(ies): _____

- **Ministry of Charity:** *All Deacons must declare a **primary** ministry in the community – outside the walls of the parish. Please identify and briefly describe the deacon's **primary** ministry of Charity & Justice.*

Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

AGREEMENT:

We as a parish community agree to support and challenge this deacon to live fully his dual vocations of marriage and diaconate. We will keep open avenues of communication so that the unfolding role of the deacon will be able to grow in our midst. In addition, the parish will provide financial support, to include the annual deacon assessment for his continuing formation, annual overnight retreat and convocation allowance. We rely on the Holy Spirit to enable us to fulfill the commitments we enact in this covenant for the good of the parish community and the glory of God.

SIGNATURES:

(Pastor or Administrator)

(Date)

(Deacon)

(Wife of the Deacon', if married)

Reviewed and found acceptable:

(Diaconate Director)

(Date)