

Addendum to the Bishop's Customaries

Clergy Family Liturgies

I would be honored to join in celebrating significant events in clergy families such as marriage, baptism, etc. When there is a death in a clergy family, please notify my office as soon as possible. I would be honored, whenever possible, to participate in the funeral/Easter liturgy.

Invitation to celebrate and/or preach, special forum engagements

When you would like me to celebrate, preach, speak or participate in a special forum such as a panel discussion; kindly invite me by way of email or letter with a copy to my executive assistant at least 3-6 months prior to the engagement. We will review the proposed date(s) and let you know if this is possible.

Remarriage Guidelines Canon 1.19. 3 (a)(b)(c)(d)

Please note: The consent form for remarriage should be submitted to the Bishop's Office at least 30 days in advance of the proposed ceremony. It is recommended, whenever possible, that a letter of explanation detailing the circumstances surrounding the couple accompany the consent form. A letter of explanation should accompany any consent form that is sent to the Bishop within 30 days of the marriage.

Sec. 3. No Member of the Clergy of this Church shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has been the husband or wife of any other person then living, nor shall any member of this Church enter into a marriage when either of the contracting parties has been the husband or the wife of any other person then living, except as hereinafter provided:

- (a) The member of the Clergy shall be satisfied by appropriated evidence that the prior marriage has been annulled or dissolved by a final judgment or decree of a civil court of competent jurisdiction.
- (b) The Member of the Clergy shall have instructed the parties that continuing concern must be shown for the well-being of the former spouse, and of any children of the prior marriage.
- (c) The Member of the Clergy shall consult with and obtain the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese wherein the Member of the Clergy is canonically resident or the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Member of the Clergy is licensed to officiate prior to, and shall report to that Bishop, the solemnization of any marriage under this Section.
- (d) If the proposed marriage is to be solemnized in a jurisdiction other than the one in which the consent has been given, the consent shall be affirmed by the Bishop of that jurisdiction.

Clergy Reaching the Age of 72
Canon III.7.7 and Canon III.9.8

Upon reaching the age of 72, a Deacon or Priest, shall send a letter of resignation to the Bishop resigning from all positions of active service in the Church. If the Deacon or Priest desires to continue active ministry a letter to the Bishop seeking permission is required. The Bishop will accept the resignation, and may grant permission for the clergyperson to resume active duty for a period not exceeding twelve months. This term may be renewed annually.

Licensed Ministries
Canon III.4.3-9

Please send an email or letter to the Bishop indicating that training has been completed providing the list of names and corresponding ministry. *A record of licensed ministry should be kept in the parish office.*

A *Pastoral Leader* is a lay person authorized to exercise pastoral or administrative responsibility in a congregation under special circumstances, as defined by the Bishop.

A *Worship Leader* is a lay person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of the Clergy.

A *Preacher* is a lay person authorized to preach only under the direction of the Member of Clergy.

A *Eucharistic Minister* is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist.

A *Eucharistic Visitor* is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.

A *Catechist* is a lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

An *Evangelist* is a lay person who presents the good news of Jesus Christ in such a way that people are led to receive Christ as Savior and follow Christ as Lord in the fellowship of the Church and assists with the community's ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

Joy in Christ, a way of life!