

# COVENANT FOR DIACONAL MINISTRY CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GARY

Guided by the Holy Spirit and after prayerful consideration, I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
a Deacon of the Diocese of Gary, in obedience to the Bishop whose mission I share and in  
consultation with the people, whose signatures appear below, have agreed to the following terms:

## TERMS OF COVENANT

### A. PRIMARY SERVICE

Each month I will commit myself to approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours of diaconal ministry at  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the following manner:

MINISTRY OF LOVE AND JUSTICE (SEE GUIDELINES ON FORMATION, CHAP 35-38) \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTRY OF WORD (SEE GUIDE LINES OF FORMATION CHAP 39-40) \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

MINISTRY OF LITURGY (SEE GUIDELINES ON FORMATION CHAP. 41-42) \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Each Deacon will commit ten (10) hours per month to the Ministry of Love and Justice in  
addition to any Liturgical or Sacramental involvement.

B DEACON ( COUPLES ) EXPECTATIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_

C PASTOR'S EXPECTATIONS

1. \_\_\_\_\_

D CONTINUING FORMATION

It is agreed that the Deacon will pursue his continuing formation as outlined in the Policy and Procedures handbook. Spouses are urged to participate.

E TERM OF COVENANT

This is a (new/renewed) Covenant for the period of \_\_\_\_\_ years, which will commence on \_\_\_\_\_ and will conclude on \_\_\_\_\_

New Deacon covenants are for one (1) year.

1. Renewal Covenants have a duration of two (2) years.
2. New Pastor: Deacon may function under current covenant for up to one year, during which time a new two-year covenant must be agreed to and signed.
3. Termination: After prior consultation with the Diaconate Director-Post Ordination, a notice of termination of this covenant must be given in writing to the appropriate parties no less than sixty (60) days prior to the termination date. Termination may be initiated for cause.

F. BASIC AGREEMENT

It is expected that Deacons and their wives will familiarize themselves with the contents of the Policies and Procedures Handbook and follow the guidelines and requirements contained in that document.

WE ENTER THIS COVENANT IN GOOD FAITH,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parish

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Deacon

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor/Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diaconate Director - Post Ordination  
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