

Episcopal Diocese of Maryland: Archdeacon for Deacon Deployment Position Description

The Archdeacon for Deacon Deployment is appointed by the Bishop to assist him/her in coordinating ordained Deacons for the performance of servant ministry within and outside of the body of the church.

The Qualifications of the Archdeacon for Deacon Deployment should include:

- An Ordained Vocational Deacon
- A Minimum of 5 years successful experience in Diaconal Ministry in the Diocese of Maryland
- An understanding of the Canons as they apply to vocational deacons,
- Experience in managing and coordinating of a diverse group of professionals in a variety of independent assignments
- An established record of respect and trust from the Bishops, other clergy and laity of the diocese
- A willingness to serve a 5 year term as the Archdeacon for Deacon Deployment

The responsibilities of the Archdeacon for Deacon Deployment include:

- Serving as Chairperson of the Deacon Council
- Serving on Commission On Ministry
- Participating on the Deacon Training Team
- Interacting with Parishes/Missions in the Diocese and other dioceses concerning the Diaconate, and Deacon deployment
- Working with the Bishop, The Archdeacon for Deacon Formation and the Deacon Council to assess the needs of the Program, the Diaconate, and the Deacons
- Conducting long term planning for the Diaconate (visionary)
- Reviewing Annual Activity Reports of Deacons
- Working collaboratively with the Archdeacon for Deacon Formation regarding continuing education and mentoring for Deacons
- Coordinating the Annual Deacon's Retreat with the Bishop with the Archdeacon for Deacon Formation and the Deacon Council
- Visiting Deacons in assignments
- Sharing with the Bishop in pastoral responsibilities and conflict resolution with Deacons and their families
- Acting as liaison between the Bishop and Deacons, as required
- Meeting periodically with the Bishop to discuss Deacons and/or the Diaconate
- Sharing with the Bishop in the deployment of Deacons
- Representing the Bishop at the Service of Institution of Deacons in Parishes when necessary
- Assisting in Deacon ordination preparation
- Assisting at the Cathedral and other Parishes/Missions as assigned by the Bishop.
- Meeting periodically with the Bishop and the Archdeacon for Deacon Formation and the Commission on Ministry as requested to discuss Deacon formation, mentoring and continuing education
- Assisting at the Cathedral or other Parishes/Missions as requested by the Bishop.
- Participating in an annual Ministry review with the Bishop and the Deacon Council