

CHAPTER 3

DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERMANENT DIACONATE

A. SPECIFIC DUTIES

The Director of the Office of Permanent Diaconate, or Director of the Office of Deacons as he is more commonly referred to, is appointed by the Archbishop of Santa Fe to provide support for those who serve as permanent deacons in the Archdiocese. This position has evolved over the years¹, and in its present form, the Director collaborates with the Archbishop and, under his supervision, with other members of the Archbishop staff together with deans, pastors and other responsible agents in integrating the Office of Deacons within the overall Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan.

Supervising the Office of Deacons, the Director maintains office records, prepares and manages the office budget, collaborates with the archdiocesan Director of the Office of Worship and ensures that the deacon community is kept current with liturgical principles and practices, facilitates a learning community among deacons and calls forth the community to continuing professional education and spiritual growth. The Director also assists the Director of Formation with recruitment, screening, testing, and training of deacon candidates according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and archdiocesan directives and policies.

As facilitator and advisor, the Director works in collaboration with the Diaconal Council² to support and assist the diaconal community and its individual members in pursuit of their ministry. Whenever possible the Director provides a visible presence at all archdiocesan and deanery activities and promotes good public relations while also providing leadership in coordinating diaconal ministry within the Archdiocese.

B. ADMENDMENT AND EVALUATION OF THE DEACON MANUAL

1. Amendment

Changes in the *Manual* will need to be made. Some changes will be dictated by

¹ Historically in the Archdiocese the individual responsible for the permanent diaconate was a priest known officially as the Vicar of Deacons. In 1993, Archbishop Sheehan instituted the position of Director of Deacons and appointed Deacon Norbert Sanchez to fill that position; he was succeeded in 1995 by Deacon Donato (Don) Lucero. In August of 2007, Deacon Donato (Don) Lucero was succeeded by Deacon Steve Rangel. In 2015, Archbishop John Wester became the 12th Archbishop of Santa Fe, he subsequently reorganized the position of Director of Deacons and appointed Deacon Andy Carrillo as Director of the Office of Deacons, who reports to the Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy, Fr. Glennon Jones.

² As described in Chapter Two.

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higher authority in the Church, such as those changes necessitated by official interpretations of Canon Law, by pronouncements of the USCCB, or by revised Archdiocesan policy that is binding on the Community. Moreover, any person or organization may propose changes to the Director of the Office of Deacons.

2. Evaluation

The requirements, policies, and procedures contained in this *Manual* and their implementation, shall be evaluated as required. Evaluation is conducted by the Archbishop, the Vicar for Clergy, the Presbyteral Council, the Director of Worship/Liturgy/Christian Initiation, and members of the Diaconal Council.