

# DEACON MINISTRY PLAN

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Dates \_\_\_\_\_

## The Role of the Deacon

The essential role of the deacon is expressed in the current *Ministry and Priesthood* document with particular reference to the information in “Serving Together to Fulfill Christ’s Mission.” These statements are in harmony with previous scripture instruction.

### Deacons should:

- **Know:** Understand the needs of each member and family in the congregation and the issues of economic justice present in the community.
- **Be:** Model the ministries of presence and stewardship in congregations.
- **Do:** Promote and engage in practices of hospitality, nurture, and preparing sacred space.

## Congregational Ministry Needs

With your pastor or designated congregational leader, discuss ministry needs in the congregation and community and how they connect to your priesthood responsibilities.

Congregational needs and goals should affirm and promote Christ’s mission of invitation, compassionate ministries, and justice and peacemaking; helping prepare others for Christ’s mission; and partnering with other priesthood in leading congregations in Christ’s mission.

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## **BASED ON THE NEEDS OF THE CONGREGATION, HOW CAN I...**

...represent Christ as a minister of presence who models Jesus as Comforter through ministries of hospitality, preparation, and addressing the physical needs of people, especially the poor?

...proclaim and promote the cause of the peaceable kingdom by nurturing individuals, households, and families in the congregation and community?

...minister with individuals, households, and families by assisting them in their life stewardship?

...support sacramental ministries by preparing the sacred space to enhance the presence of the Spirit and by providing welcoming ministry for all to participate?

...promote community by creating an environment of hospitality, reaching out in loving, joyful service, and welcoming everyone?

...promote justice and peacemaking by working for economic justice through meeting the needs of the poor, the sick, the helpless, and the unloved?

...create ministry partnerships with bishops, my pastor, and congregational financial officer?

Education/training plans:

Spiritual practices to use and develop:

Ways I will model generosity (including being a regular contributor to mission tithes, both local and worldwide):

Possible mentors:

Deacon's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor or designee signature \_\_\_\_\_