

## **POLICY 2.8.1    The Sacrament of Holy Orders**

The conferral of Holy Orders is first and foremost governed by the Code of Canon Law, especially Book IV, Part I, Title VI. However, to ensure that the celebration of the sacrament of holy orders is always solemnly and joyously marked in the Archdiocese, the Archbishop has enacted the following policy and accompanying directives.

This policy applies to ordination to the orders of presbyterate and of the permanent diaconate. It does not apply to the transitional diaconate. The ordination to the transitional diaconate is usually celebrated in the parish of internship of the seminarian being ordained. The parish works with the Archdiocese to plan the celebration.

NOTE: In situations where there is a relationship between the Archdiocese and an ordinand who is a member of a religious congregation, that congregation and its superiors take the role of the Archdiocese and Archbishop.

### **The Place for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders**

Cn 1011 - §1. As a rule ordination is to be celebrated in the cathedral church; for pastoral reasons, however, it can be celebrated in another church or oratory.

§2. The clergy and other members of the Christian faithful are to be invited to the ordination so that a large congregation may be present for the celebration.

In the Archdiocese, the cathedral church shall be the location for ordination to the priesthood. However, another church may be selected with the approval of the Archbishop.

The cathedral church should be the location for the ordination to the (permanent) diaconate, but the choice of location rests with the ordinand, in consultation with the Archbishop.

Celebration of **ordination outside** of the Archdiocese: only under exceptional circumstances should a transitional deacon incardinated in the Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan be granted permission to be ordained outside of the Archdiocese. A written request by the ordinand must be submitted to the Archbishop specifying the reasons to be ordained outside of the archdiocese. Only the Archbishop can approve such a request.

### **The Time for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders**

Cn. 1010 - Ordination is to be celebrated within the solemnities of Mass on a Sunday or on a holy day of obligation; for pastoral reasons, however, it can take place on other days, even ordinary weekdays.

The Archbishop, in consultation with the ordinand to the order of presbyterate or the diaconate, permanent or transitional, will select the date for the celebration of the sacrament of holy orders, with due regard for canon 1010.

### **Preparations for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders**

The celebration of the sacrament of holy orders belongs to the entire Archdiocese. Therefore, the Archdiocese, through the Archbishop and Chancery, will take principal responsibility for the celebration.

The Archbishop will:

- **Strike an organizing committee** which shall include the ordinand, the Vicar General, the Finance Administrator, and a member of the Archdiocesan Liturgy Committee. The Archbishop will also name the chairperson of the committee.
- **Approve the budget**, in consultation with the Finance Administrator.
- **Name the Master of Ceremonies** for the ordination liturgy. The Master of Ceremonies and the ordinand will propose all the elements of that liturgy to the Archbishop, for his final approval.

The organizing committee will:

- Determine the **venue, guest list, invitation** design.
- Plan the **menu and program** for the banquet and post-ordination reception.
- Assist the ordinand with **travel arrangements** for his personal guests, including **accommodation**.
- Select a photographer (videographer) and determine the scope of that job.

The Chancery will:

- Ensure all guests receive **invitations**
- Book the **venues and caterers for the banquet, Mass, and receptions**
- Handle all **printing and distribution of materials**
- **Pay all invoices** for items included in the budget and/or approved by the organizing committee and the Archbishop.

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