

§3800 THE MISSION OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS

As Jesus commissioned the apostles to “go and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:16), so priests are sent by the diocesan bishop to continue Christ’s mission. The diocesan priests of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, aware of their unity with their Bishop and with one another in the priesthood of Christ, form one Presbyterate and one brotherhood in the service of the People of God, and are called to fulfill the official pastoral ministry of the Church.

The Diocesan Priests’ Personnel System is a mission-based approach to ministry, whereby the priests of the Diocese collaborate with the Bishop to answer Christ’s call of service to the People of God.

§3801 CALL AND MISSION

3801.1. Policy The diocesan priests of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois receive their mission for priestly ministry from the Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, who makes the assignment of priests in consultation with the Vicar General, Vicar for Priests, Chancellor, Deans, Vocation Director, other priests. (cf. Vatican Council II, *Christus Dominus* 28-31; *Ecclesiae Sanctae* I, 18; *Code of Canon Law*, canons 157, 523-524, 539, 547, 557 and 565.)

§3802 DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ PERSONNEL BOARD

§3802.1. Priests’ Personnel Board

3802.1. Policy The Board shall work closely with the Diocesan Bishop to recommend priests to the Bishop for placement in the assignments throughout the diocese in accord with established policies.

Procedures

a) **Membership.** The membership of the Diocesan Priests’ Personnel Board shall consist of the Vicar General, Vicar for Priests, Chancellor (if he is a priest), the Vocation Director, the Deans, and an elected representative from each deanery.

b) **Secretary.** The Chancellor (if he is a priest) shall serve as the Secretary. Otherwise, it shall be another chosen member of the Board who is a priest.