

DECREE OF PROMULGATION

In Nomine Domini

The Archdiocese of Boston (“Archdiocese”), by implementing the pastoral plan, *Disciples in Mission*, seeks to have every parish of the Archdiocese a center of evangelization. At the heart of this pastoral plan, Pastoral Service Teams of priests, deacons, and lay persons working in one or more parishes under one Pastor are an essential element of this evangelization and the strengthening of parishes.

Deacons will play a vital role in *Disciples in Mission* as part of the Pastoral Service Teams. After consultation with my vicars and staff it was determined that a policy is needed to clarify and codify the assignment process of deacons and to describe the expectations for deacons and their roles in Collaboratives.

Having heard the Presbyteral Council on June 24, 2013 after their review of a proposed policy; having been advised of the extensive review by the priests of the Archdiocese through meetings of the Vicariates of the Archdiocese; having revised the policy in response to the previous consultation; and having again heard the Presbyteral Council on October 24, 2013, it is my decision to establish this Policy.

Therefore, in accord with canons 8, 29, 381 §1, and 391 I hereby decree and promulgate as particular law for the Archdiocese of Boston, the Deacon Ministerial Policy for Parish Collaboratives.

This Decree and the Deacon Ministerial Policy for Parish Collaboratives shall be published and made known to each and every Pastor of the Archdiocese of Boston by electronic mail, as well as by posting on the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Curia Website.

Any policy or particular law of the Archdiocese that is contrary to the Deacon Ministerial Policy for Parish Collaboratives is hereby repealed and abrogated.

This Decree shall become effective at 12:01 AM on March 19, 2014, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Given at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston in Braintree, Massachusetts this 24th day of January, 2014.



Archbishop of Boston



Chancellor

