

APPLICATION MATERIALS
GUIDELINES FOR PARISH LIFE COORDINATORS

Basic Definitions

Ecclesiastical Offices

ARCHBISHOP:

The bishop is the constituted pastor within the Church who, for a particular diocese, is teacher of doctrine, priest of sacred worship and minister of governance. The bishop is the vicar of Christ for a local church [arch]diocese and accordingly has all the power necessary to exercise his pastoral office (cc. 375, 381).

PASTOR:

An ordained priest who is the proper shepherd of a parish (or parishes) entrusted to him, and who exercises pastoral care in the community entrusted to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop (c. 519). In case of a shortage of priests, a priest may be assigned to pastor more than one parish (c. 526, 1).

DEAN (*Vicar Forane- VF*):

A priest appointed by the bishop to, among other things, promote and coordinate the common pastoral activity within a deanery. The duties of a dean, which include promoting and coordinating the common pastoral activity within the deanery, are delineated in Canon 555.

PAROCHIAL VICAR (*Associate Pastor*):

A priest who renders service in pastoral ministry as a co-worker with the pastor in common counsel and endeavor with him and under his authority (c. 545).

PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:*

A lay person who has participation in the exercise of the pastoral care of a parish or mission entrusted to him or her and whose provision of pastoral care is supervised by the priest moderator (c. 517.2).

PRIEST MODERATOR OF PASTORAL CARE:

A priest appointed with the powers and faculties of a pastor to supervise pastoral care provided to a parish or mission by a Parish Life Coordinator in virtue of Canon 517.2.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:*

A priest assigned to a parish for the purpose of celebrating sacraments and providing other designated priestly ministry under appropriate ecclesiastical supervision.

CURIAL OFFICES:

Such offices as specified in the Code of Canon Law or created by the bishop.

OTHER OFFICE:

Such offices as may be created by the bishop, such as campus minister, hospital chaplain, etc.

*These positions and functions are described in the Code of Canon Law, but no title is given. These titles in this document were determined locally.