

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

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May 2, 2019

Dear Rev. Monsignor / Father:

Enclosed with this letter is the Remuneration Policy FY 2020 for active priests assigned in the Archdiocese of Boston and approved by His Eminence, Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap. Kindly note that the policy, enclosed with this letter, applies to incardinated priests and religious order priests serving in assignments by the Archbishop to parishes or archdiocesan institutions within the Archdiocese of Boston; it does not apply to senior priests, priests on health leave, or other priests of the Archdiocese who receive stipends and benefits from the Clergy Funds or other funds. I encourage you to read the enclosed document in detail and save it for future reference.

Remuneration payment schedules attached to the enclosed policy indicate the approved remuneration according to year of ordination for Archdiocesan priests participating in Social Security and for religious order priests in Archdiocesan assignments. All priests are encouraged to enroll in Social Security. Not participating in Social Security may prevent a priest from accumulating 40 quarters which is needed to qualify for Medicare A & B at age 65, thereby creating an increased burden on the Clergy Funds. Additionally, incardinated priests of the Archdiocese are encouraged to enroll in the RCAB 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan and receive the benefit of an employer contribution, as illustrated in the policy. Other elements of the remuneration policy for taxable and non-taxable income and benefits are explained fully in the policy.

Effective July 1, 2019, the base stipend for an Archdiocesan priest for fiscal year 2020 is \$30,775 and the base stipend for a religious order priest in an Archdiocesan assignment is \$28,305, reflecting an increase in both of 3.3%, based on the cost of living adjustment policy.

If you have any questions regarding the policy, please call my office at 617-746-5834.

Fraternally yours in the Lord,

Very Reverend Bryan K. Parrish, E.V.

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Episcopal Vicar for Clergy

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS Fiscal Year 2020

Introduction

The remuneration and benefits below are standard for any priest of the Archdiocese of Boston and any priest from another (Arch) diocese who is assigned by the Archbishop of Boston to an assignment within the Archdiocese. Any variation above or below these figures must be approved on an annual basis by the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. For priests who are serving in two or more part-time assignments, combined remuneration and benefits are not to exceed what is allowed for in this policy. This does not include remuneration for additional ministry beyond one's official assignment[s] such as a parish priest teaching a course, a priest in special ministry assisting in a parish on weekends, or a priest invited to give an address/talk/workshop within or outside the Archdiocese, provided that the additional ministry does not have a negative impact on a priest's assigned ministry.

Please note the following Archdiocesan policies:

- 1. In accordance with the traditional custom, offerings to the parish may be accepted on the occasion of baptisms, marriages, and funerals. *Archdiocesan Policy Handbook p. 6315*, #1
- 2. All gifts and offerings of the faithful at Masses and on other occasions belong to the parish, except:
 - a. Special collections ordered and authorized by the Archbishop, which are to be returned to the Pastoral Center or other agency in accord with his instructions;
 - b. The \$10 stipend for a Mass which belong to the celebrant. As stated in the IRS *Audit Guidelines* for *Ministers*, stipends paid to the celebrant for masses should be reported as income and thus processed through payroll; (see #3 below)
 - c. Personal gifts, individually given, which belong to the recipient when the intention of the donor is clearly stated. Statutes of the Archdiocese of Boston, Book V 8.
- 3. As stated in the decree of the bishops of the Province, in accordance with canon 952, "the offering to be given for the celebration and application of both an announced Mass and an unannounced Mass is Ten Dollars (\$10.00)." This includes a Funeral Mass or Nuptial Mass. Canon 951 permits a priest to accept only one Mass stipend per day, except on Christmas and All Souls Day up to a maximum of three. When pastoral necessity requires a priest to celebrate more than one Mass per day to which an intention is joined, the priest is to donate those stipends to the purpose prescribed by the Ordinary which in the Archdiocese of Boston, is for the Formation of Candidates for the Priesthood *Canon 951-1*.
- 4. Modest and reasonable Christmas and/or Easter bonuses may be accepted from the parish as an expression of gratitude to priests (including the pastor himself). In total these bonuses should not exceed a maximum of 5% of a priest's annual payment. While giving pastors flexibility in this area, the value of such bonuses should be reflective of those given to other members of the staff. Payment of all bonuses should be in made in the context of the parishes' ability to do so. Funds for any bonuses may not be taken from the Christmas or Easter collections, which belong to the Clergy Funds, but may be drawn from parish/institution funds. All bonuses should be paid through payroll, documented in parish/institution records, and reported in gross income, as stated clearly in the IRS *Audit Guidelines for Ministers*.
- 5. The ownership, operation and maintenance of an automobile are the sole responsibility of the individual priest and not of the parish/institution/agency to which he is assigned.
- 6. All parishes are on a common pay period for priests assigned to the parish. The parish where the priest was assigned as of the last day of the month is responsible to pay the priest for the month. Remuneration for each

priest will be paid in arrears. Note that while the Priest Remuneration Policy expresses remuneration as a monthly amount, priest stipends may also be paid on a bi-weekly basis.

The above policies are those followed for all audits of parishes, institutions and agencies. They will also be made available any time the Archdiocese is asked by the IRS and/or Commonwealth to provide information due to the tax audit of any individual priest.

TAXABLE INCOME

Remuneration

1. Base Stipend:

The base stipend for an Archdiocesan priest for fiscal year 2020 is \$ 30,775 effective July 1, 2019. According to the new COLA (cost of living adjustment) policy, the annual salaries, wages, and stipends will be based upon the preceding year-over-year change in the Boston CPI-W as taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' November report. If the change in the Boston CPI-W increased year-over year, the COLA shall be the lesser of the actual change in the Boston CPI-W or double the previous COLA. If the change in the Boston CPI-W decreased year-over-year, the COLA shall be the greater of the actual change in CPI-W or half the previous COLA. If there is no change in the CPI-W year-over-year, then the COLA remains the same for the next year. The consumer price index for Boston CPI-W rose by 3.3% for the year ending November 2018; given the FY2018 COLA was 2.6%, the COLA effective 7/1/19 will increase 3.3% over last year's amount. See appendix.

2. Professional Allotment:

Each priest is responsible for his professional ministry expenses such as routine mileage, parking, tolls, and public transportation related to ministry; study weeks, workshop days and continuing education programs; publications, books, professional dues, clerical clothing and vestments for personal use; and days of recollection and spiritual enrichment programs except the Archdiocesan Convocation and the annual retreat [see below]. These ministry expenses are covered by the \$6,000 professional allotment portion of the Archdiocesan priest's remuneration.

3. Seniority Increment:

All priests ordained 0-10 years receive a ten-year fixed seniority increment of \$1,000; beginning at year eleven, the increment builds \$100 each year, capping at the fiftieth year.

4. Newly Ordained Priests:

Priest that are ordained during this fiscal year will be paid using the Remuneration Schedule in effect for the first year of ordination listed on the schedule.

Please Note:

All priests are to enroll in Social Security. Not participating in Social Security may prevent a priest from accumulating 40 quarters which is needed in order to qualify for Medicare A & B at age 65 and therefore place an increased burden on the Clergy Funds.

Enrolled priests pay the total 15.3 percent Social Security tax on their income. The remuneration includes a supplement to assist with Social Security cost, and it is included as part of the base stipend since it is taxable for both Federal Income and Social Security taxes. There is a separate "Archdiocesan Priest Remuneration Payment Schedule" for priests "not participating in the Social Security Program." Remuneration for incardinated priests that do not participate in Social Security is reduced by 25 percent. To obtain a copy of this payment schedule for priests not participating in the Social Security Program contact the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy.

Each priest is to notify the parish or institution to which he is assigned as to whether or not he is part of the Social Security program.

In turn, pastors/administrators/supervisors are to notify the Executive Director of the Clergy Funds in writing of all priests not participating in the Social Security Program. The Clergy Funds office will assess parishes/institutions for the 25 percent difference. This difference is sent by the parish/institution to the Clergy Funds to assist with the greatly increased cost of health care needs for priests not eligible for Medicare.

Automobile Insurance

The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned will pay the first \$750 annually for automobile insurance, with the priest himself paying the balance. The priest must submit a copy of his auto insurance bill to secure reimbursement. Priests not assigned to a parish or Archdiocesan institution are not eligible for auto insurance assistance.

A priest who is assigned to a parish or Archdiocesan institution in one of the following areas designated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a high insurance area - Boston, Brockton, Chelsea, Everett, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Revere and Somerville - and pays \$1,450 or more annually, may request an additional amount of compensation for the cost of his insurance from the parish or institution to which he is assigned, according to the following scale:

High Insurance Area Scale.

Total bill \$1,450 to \$1,550	\$850 paid by parish/institution
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Total bill \$1,851 to \$1,950	\$1,250 paid by parish/institution
Total bill \$1,951 to \$2,050	\$1,350 paid by parish/institution
Total bill \$2,051 and over	\$1,450 paid by parish/institution (maximum payment)

This compensation for auto insurance is taxable income for Federal, State and Social Security taxes and must appear on the W-2 form at the end of the year.

Priests are encouraged to participate in the automobile insurance program offered through the Archdiocese of Boston. If you would like information on this program contact Joseph McEnness, Executive Director of the Office of Risk Management at (617) 746-5740 or email Joseph_McEnness@rcab.org.

Room and Board

The parish or institution to which the priest is assigned provides room and board. The fair market value for room and board remains at \$600 per month. This amount is \$7,200 annually and is taxable to the individual priest for Social Security purposes only.

Meals Policy

With many rectories no longer employing a cook, a priest is entitled to reimbursement for his meals, of a reasonable cost that are eaten offsite, with a properly completed expense report accompanied by receipts. A "stipend" for his periodic meals unsupported by specific receipts, is not permitted.

Moving Expenses at the Time of Transfer

The receiving parish is responsible to assist with the moving expenses. An exception would be for a retiring pastor for whom the parish would assist his departure as a token of gratitude. This reimbursement for moving expenses is taxable income for Federal, State and Social Security taxes and must appear on the W-2 form at the end of the year.

The parish can reimburse a priest up to \$800 maximum while the priest covers the remaining amount from his professional expense.

NON-TAXABLE INCOME/BENEFITS

Retreat

The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned will pay up to \$750 annually for a priest's retreat. These amounts include the fee paid directly by the parish/institution to the institution sponsoring the retreat and reimbursement for travel expenses up to the annual limit. Priests not assigned to a parish or Archdiocesan institution are not eligible for this retreat benefit. A priest is entitled to up to 8 days for a retreat annually. The retreat days do not carryover from one year to the next, if not used. "Each diocesan priest is to make a spiritual retreat every year. If a priest wishes to make a retreat at a time and place other than the retreats scheduled by the Archdiocese, he is to inform the Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia of his plans in writing." — Statutes of the Archdiocese of Boston Book II — 17, Canon 276.

Priest Convocation(s)

The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned is to pay the cost for the Archdiocesan priest convocation(s).

Continuing Education

It is the expectation of the Church that all priests participate in ongoing formation. This includes regular meetings with a spiritual director, annual retreat and continuing education. This expectation is outlined in the documents *Pastores Dabo Vobis* and the *Basic Plan for the Ongoing Formation of Priests* by the United States Bishops. Part of the \$6,000 professional allotment is to help priests cover the cost of continuing education.

Those in their first 5 years of their priesthood are expected to participate in the Cardinal's program of Ongoing Formation. The cost for this is covered by the parish where the priest is assigned. The priest is entitled to 5 days away from his assignment each year to participate in ongoing education.

Resources for Parish Ministry

It is expected that all priests assigned to parishes will be given the necessary tools for ministry. This includes a cell phone, office, computer and a credit card for ministry related purchases. These are to be provided by and paid for by the parish to provide the tools necessary for the priests to carry out his pastoral ministry. Each priest is responsible for maintaining these items in good working order and ensuring their security and safe-keeping.

When a priest is reassigned these items are to be returned to the parish or collaborative as they remain the property of the parish that purchased them. Equipment that is intended for personal use should be purchased directly by a priest.

Vacation Time

A priest is entitled to one month of paid vacation time each year. Each priest in consultation with their pastor or supervisor is to ensure coverage during this absence. The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned

is responsible to pay the priest while on vacation. Vacation time is an annual allotment that does not carry over if unused. — *Statutes of the Archdiocese of Boston, Book II* — *51, Canon 533.2.*

Guidance on Visiting Priest

Pastors may give an offering to a visiting priest for assisting at a parish to which he is not assigned to celebrate a mass. The suggested offering is \$100 and would be considered taxable income. This would include the \$10 for an intention mass and if applicable transportation costs.

Pastors may give an offering to a visiting priest for assisting at a parish to which he is not assigned to hear confessions. The suggested offering is a range of \$50-\$100 and would be considered taxable income.

Emergency Response Pastoral Care

When a senior priest provides emergency response coverage, whether it is for a short period only, or whether he has been appointed a parochial administrator, he shall be compensated directly by the parish for the sacramental coverage.

Medical Insurance

The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned pays the Clergy Funds medical insurance assessment. The annual assessment for fiscal year 2020 will remain at \$17,640.

An incardinated priest who is assigned, with the permission of the Archbishop, to a non-archdiocesan institution will either receive medical insurance directly from his employer, or the employer or the priest himself will pay the Clergy Funds medical insurance assessment.

Parish priests are eligible for Medicare at age 65 and should enroll in Medicare. For a priest working in a parish or who recently transferred to a parish with less than 20 employees, Medicare A & B then becomes the Primary insurance for medical expenses. Clergy Funds Tufts Health Plan becomes the Secondary insurance which will cover all other approved medical expenses and prescriptions beyond Medicare.

The parish or institution to which an active priest at age 65 qualifies for Medicare, based on the number of employees, is assigned pays the Clergy Funds medical insurance assessment of \$16,381.20 and the remainder of \$1,258.80 will be reimbursed to the priest for the Medicare Part B payment.

Non-incardinated diocesan priests assigned by the Archbishop of Boston to an archdiocesan assignment may be insured through the priest's home diocese with the parish or archdiocesan institution to which he is assigned reimbursing the home diocese for the actual cost (up to \$17,640 annually), or, if such coverage is not available, may, if approved, be insured through the lay-employee health plan of the Archdiocese of Boston, with the parish or archdiocesan institution paying the premium. Religious priests are provided for in the section of policy pertaining to them.

The parish or Archdiocesan institution is responsible for paying the entire amount of both monthly premiums for non-incardinated diocesan priests assigned by the Archbishop of Boston to an Archdiocesan assignment that are on the lay employee health and dental plan of the Archdiocese of Boston. The parish or Archdiocesan institution is responsible to reimburse the priest for the first \$750 in deductibles and/or coinsurance costs under the Blue Cross Plan. The priest is responsible for deductibles and/or coinsurance costs above the \$750 under the Blue Cross Plan.

Retirement Funding

An incardinated priest who is assigned, with the permission of the Archbishop, to a non-archdiocesan institution will make an annual contribution to the Clergy Funds Retirement Trust, in the amount determined by the Clergy Funds Trustees from time to time, either through his employer or by himself directly, unless he is enrolled in a retirement or pension plan through that institution and as a result will not be eligible for retirement benefits from the Clergy

Funds. Examples of such retirement or pension plans are priests who qualify for retirement benefits as a result of service as a chaplain; active military duty, VA Hospital, state prison, general hospital or university.

Incardinated priests assigned to locations within the Archdiocese are eligible to participate in the RCAB 401(k) Plan. Each eligible priest who makes contributions (either through Roth or pre-tax deferrals) will receive a matching employer contribution in an amount equal to 100% of the first 3% of compensation contributed, plus 50% of the next 2% of compensation contributed. To receive the full 4.0% employer contribution, the eligible priest must contribute at least 5.0% of his own eligible compensation to the 401(k) Plan effective January All wages (priest stipend, Mass stipends, bonuses, etc.) are considered 401(k)-eligible. Imputed income and non-taxable reimbursements are not considered eligible wages. Because all eligible priests are being encouraged to contribute this minimum amount, for budget purposes, an amount of 4.15% of payroll wages should be used for the 401(k) retirement plan. The employer contribution amounts will be reviewed annually. See appendices for examples of contribution levels for the 401(k) plan. Information regarding priest participation is available on the Catholic Benefits website at: www.catholicbenefits.org/401k/401k.htm and then select RCAB 401(k) Plan Priest Highlights.

Personal Property Insurance

A priest of the Archdiocesan of Boston serving in an assignment within the Archdiocese is provided \$20,000 of personal effects insurance through the Archdiocese [at no cost to the priest]. All individual personal items valued at \$1,500 or more should be inventoried and sent to the RCAB Risk Management Department. Please contact the RCAB Risk Management Department for further details.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Form I-9 Requirements

All persons providing services in exchange for wages or other compensation at any RCAB location (Parish, Shrine, Worship site, School, Hospital, Apostolate, Seminary or Pastoral Center) must comply with federal law using the Form I-9 process to verify both identity and employment eligibility. There is no exception for priests. If the Form I-9 process shows that the person is not in fact authorized to work, then the person may not work or provide services in exchange for compensation or hospitality. All persons in the United States enjoy freedom of worship, and a priest who lacks employment authorization is still free to say Mass as an act of worship. He is not, however free to provide religious services in exchange for compensation. Thus, a nonwork-eligible priest should not receive any stipend or have any appearance of employment such as an office or set schedule of duties.

Priests who are receiving compensation for religious services provided must have a Form I-9 completed on or before the first date of employment. The priest has three days from start of hire to provide supporting documentation to the employer (e.g. Pastor); the Parish or Institution must complete Section 2 at the time the documents are presented. All documentation is to be presented in person and must be original documents. The Form I-9 is to be kept in a separate secure location from the personnel file at that location and remain on file for time required by law at the end of that priest's services. If a RCAB location has questions on completing a Form I-9, that location should contact the Human Resources Department at the Pastoral Center.

The following resources are recommended for completing the Form I-9 form: The handbook for employers: https://www.uscis.gov/i-9-central/handbook-employers-m-274 The most current Form I-9 and instructions: https://www.uscis.gov/i-9

R-1 Religious Worker VISA Sponsorship Requirements

For priests that are not U.S. Citizens nor are Permanent Residents, a common form of temporary work status will be that of an R-1 Visa. The R-1 Visa status however only allows the person to receive compensation from the entity that sponsored them – no one else. Pastors and other leadership in locations that are seeking to employ a priest or deacon who might require temporary work status, should make a formal request to the Archdiocese's Secretariat for Ministerial Personnel. The Secretariat is responsible for authorizing all cases involving the sponsorship of priests and deacons.

Please note only priests that have <u>R-1 VISAs</u> may receive compensation for celebrating a Mass. Priest that do not have a R-1 VISA may volunteer to celebrate Mass, without any form of compensation.

REVIEW

This policy will be in force for fiscal year 2020 and reviewed annually thereafter unless rescinded or amended by the Archbishop.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS FOR RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIESTS ASSIGNED BY THE ARCHBISHOP TO AN ARCHDIOCESAN ASSIGNMENT Fiscal Year 2020

Introduction

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A priest is entitled to one month of paid vacation time each year. Each priest in consultation with their pastor or supervisor is to ensure coverage during this absence. The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned is responsible to pay the priest while on vacation. Vacation time is an annual allotment that does not carry over if unused. — *Statutes of the Archdiocese of Boston, Book II* — *51, Canon 533.2*.

Guidance on Visiting Priest

Pastors may give an offering to a visiting priest for assisting at a parish to which he is not assigned to celebrate a mass. Typically, such a stipend falls in the range of \$75 to \$125 and would be considered taxable income. This would include the \$10 for an intention mass and if applicable transportation costs.

Pastors may give an offering to a visiting priest for assisting at a parish to which he is not assigned to hear confessions. The suggested offering is a range of \$50-\$100 and would be considered taxable income.

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When a senior priest provides emergency response coverage, whether it is for a short period only, or whether he has been appointed a parochial administrator, he shall be compensated directly by the parish for the sacramental coverage.

Medical Insurance

The parish or institution to which a priest is assigned pays the medical insurance premium. A religious order priest may be insured through his religious community with the parish or archdiocesan institution he is assigned to reimbursing the community for the actual cost of the medical insurance up to \$17,640 annually. If such coverage is not available, a religious order priest may, if approved, be insured through the lay-employee health plan of the Archdiocese of Boston, with the parish or archdiocesan institution paying the premium.

A religious order priest may, if approved, be insured through the lay employee health and dental plan of the Archdiocese of Boston, with the parish or Archdiocesan institution paying the entire amount of both monthly premiums.

The parish or Archdiocesan institution is responsible to reimburse the religious order priest for the first \$750 in deductibles and/or coinsurance costs under the Blue Cross Plan. The religious order priest is responsible for deductibles and/or coinsurance costs above the \$750 under the Blue Cross Plan.

Retirement Benefits

Funding for retirement benefits are generally provided to religious communities through the Christmas and Easter collections of the parishes in the Archdiocese staffed by the religious community. When a priest is assigned to a parish or archdiocesan institution other than one staffed by his religious community, his community shall be entitled to receive \$300 annually from the parish or the archdiocesan institution to which the priest is assigned.

Priests not incardinated in the Archdiocese of Boston do not qualify for retirement benefits provided by the Archdiocese of Boston.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

Form I-9 Requirements

All persons providing services in exchange for wages or other compensation at any RCAB location (Parish, Shrine, Worship site, School, Hospital, Apostolate, Seminary or Pastoral Center) must comply with federal law using the Form I-9 process to verify both identity and employment eligibility. There is no exception for priests. If the Form I-9 process shows that the person is not in fact authorized to work, then the person may not work or provide services in exchange for compensation or hospitality. All persons in the United States enjoy freedom of worship, and a priest who lacks employment authorization is still free to say Mass as an act of worship. He is not, however free to provide religious services in exchange for compensation. Thus, a nonwork-eligible priest should not receive any stipend or have any appearance of employment such as an office or set schedule of duties.

Priests who are receiving compensation for religious services provided must have a Form I-9 completed on or before the first date of employment. The priest has three days from start of hire to provide supporting documentation to the employer (e.g. Pastor); the Parish or Institution must complete Section 2 at the time the documents are presented. All documentation is to be presented in person and must be original documents. The Form I-9 is to be kept in a separate secure location from the personnel file at that location and remain on file for time required by law at the end of that priest's services. If a RCAB location has questions on completing a Form I-9, that location should contact the Human Resources Department at the Pastoral Center.

The following resources are recommended for completing the Form I-9 form: The handbook for employers: https://www.uscis.gov/i-9-central/handbook-employers-m-274 The most current Form I-9 and instructions: https://www.uscis.gov/i-9

R-1 Religious Worker VISA Sponsorship Requirements

For priests that are not U.S. Citizens nor are Permanent Residents, a common form of temporary work status will be that of an R-1 Visa. The R-1 Visa status however only allows the person to receive compensation from the entity that sponsored them – no one else. Pastors and other leadership in locations that are seeking to employ a priest or deacon who might require temporary work status, should make a formal request to the Archdiocese's Secretariat for Ministerial Personnel. The Secretariat is responsible for authorizing all cases involving the sponsorship of priests and deacons.

Please note only priests that have <u>R-1 VISAs</u> may receive compensation for celebrating a Mass. Priest that do not have a R-1 VISA may volunteer to celebrate Mass, without any form of compensation.

REVIEW

This policy will be in force for fiscal year 2020 and reviewed annually thereafter unless rescinded or amended by the Archbishop.

APPENDICES

Fiscal Year 2020					
			3	3.3%	
Archdiocesan Priest	<u>F</u>	Y 2019	<u>In</u>	crease	FY 2020
Base	\$	29,790	\$	985	\$ 30,775
Professional Allotment				-	
		6,000			6,000
Senior Increment				-	
		1,000			1,000
Total	\$	36,790	\$	985	\$ 37,775
			3	3.3%	
Religious Order Priest	F	Y 2019	In	crease	FY 2020
Base	\$	27,400	\$	905	\$ 28,305
Professional Allotment					
1 Totessional Amount in				_	
1 Tolessional Amountain		4,800		_	4,800
Senior Increment		4,800		-	4,800
		4,800 1,000		-	4,800 1,000

Examples of Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)

	FY2019 COLA	11/2018 CPI -W*		FY2020 COLA
FY2020	2.6%	3.3%	3.3%	See Calculation #1 below
Example 1	2.6%	2%	2%	See Calculation #2 below
Example 2	2.6%	3%	3%	See Calculation #1 below
Example 3	2.6%	0%	0%	See Calculation #3 below
Example 4	2.6%	-1%	0%	See Calculation #4 below

Calculation Methodology:

- 1) Increase in the CPI-W year-over-year,
 - the COLA shall be the lesser of the actual change in CPI-W or double the previous COLA.
- 2) Decrease in the CPI-W decreased year-over-year,
 - the COLA shall be the greater of the actual CPI of the current year or half the previous COLA.
- 3) No Change in CPI-W from prior year, the COLA is the CPI-W for the next year
- 4) If CPI-W is 0% or negative, no change to stipend amount for the next year

*CPI-W: Consumer Price Index five MA counties: Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, and Plymouth

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIEST REMUNERATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE					
FI	SCAL YE	AR 2020 (JULY 2019	JUNE 2020))
Year of	Annual	Base	Professional	Seniority	Total Monthly
Ordination 2019	Payment \$37,775	\$30,775	**************************************	\$1,000	Payment \$3,147.92
2018	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2017	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2016	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2015	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2014	\$37,775 \$37,775	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$1,000 \$1,000	\$3,147.92 \$3,147.92
2013	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2011	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2010	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2009	\$37,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$3,147.92
2008	\$37,875	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,100	\$3,156.25
2007	\$37,975	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,200	\$3,164.58
2006	\$38,075 \$38,175	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$1,300 \$1,400	\$3,172.92 \$3,181.25
2004	\$38,275	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$3,189.58
2003	\$38,375	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,600	\$3,197.92
2002	\$38,475	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,700	\$3,206.25
2001	\$38,575	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,800	\$3,214.58
2000	\$38,675	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$1,900	\$3,222.92
1999 1998	\$38,775 \$38,875	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$2,000 \$2,100	\$3,231.25 \$3,239.58
1997	\$38,975	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$2,100	\$3,247.92
1996	\$39,075	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$2,300	\$3,256.25
1995	\$39,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$2,400	\$3,264.58
1994	\$39,275	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$2,500	\$3,272.92
1993	\$39,375	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$2,600	\$3,281.25
1992	\$39,475	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$2,700	\$3,289.58
1991 1990	\$39,575 \$39,675	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$2,800 \$2,900	\$3,297.92 \$3,306.25
1989	\$39,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,314.58
1988	\$39,875	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,100	\$3,322.92
1987	\$39,975	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,200	\$3,331.25
1986	\$40,075	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,300	\$3,339.58
1985	\$40,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,400	\$3,347.92
1984 1983	\$40,275 \$40,375	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$3,500 \$3,600	\$3,356.25 \$3,364.58
1982	\$40,475	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,700	\$3,372.92
1981	\$40,575	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,800	\$3,381.25
1980	\$40,675	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$3,900	\$3,389.58
1979	\$40,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$3,397.92
1978	\$40,875	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,100	\$3,406.25
1977 1976	\$40,975 \$41,075	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$4,200 \$4,300	\$3,414.58 \$3,422.92
1975	\$41,075	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,300	\$3,431.25
1974	\$41,275	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,500	\$3,439.58
1973	\$41,375	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,600	\$3,447.92
1972	\$41,475	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,700	\$3,456.25
1971	\$41,575	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$4,800	\$3,464.58
1970 1969	\$41,675 \$41,775	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$4,900 \$5,000	\$3,472.92 \$3,481.25
1969	\$41,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,481.25
1967	\$41,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,481.25
1966	\$41,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,481.25
1965	\$41,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,481.25
1964	\$41,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,481.25
1963	\$41,775	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,481.25
1962 1961	\$41,875 \$41,975	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$5,100 \$5,200	\$3,489.58 \$3,497.92
1960	\$42,075	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,200	\$3,506.25
1959	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1958	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1957	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1956	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1955	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1954 1953	\$42,175 \$42,175	\$30,775 \$30,775	\$6,000 \$6,000	\$5,400 \$5,400	\$3,514.58 \$3,514.58
1952	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1951	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58
1950	\$42,175	\$30,775	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,514.58

 $^{\ \ ^{\}star}$ See page 2 of the Remuneration and Benefits for Archdiocesan Priests for ministry expenses covered under the professional allotment.

Grandfathered rates

RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIEST REMUNERATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE						
FI	FISCAL YEAR 2020 (JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020)					
Year of	Annual	Base	Professional	Seniority	Monthly Payment	
Ordination 2019	Payment \$34.105	Stipend	### \$4,800	\$1,000	Amount \$2,842.08	
2019	\$34,105	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2017	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2016	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2015	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2014	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2013	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2012 2011	\$34,105 \$34,105	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$1,000 \$1,000	\$2,842.08 \$2,842.08	
2010	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2009	\$34,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,000	\$2,842.08	
2008	\$34,205	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,100	\$2,851.42	
2007	\$34,305	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$2,858.75	
2006	\$34,405	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,300	\$2,867.08	
2005	\$34,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,400 \$1,500	\$2,875.42	
2004	\$34,605 \$34,705	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$1,500 \$1,600	\$2,883.75 \$2,892.08	
2003	\$34,705	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,700	\$2,892.08	
2001	\$34,905	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,800	\$2,908.75	
2000	\$35,005	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$1,900	\$2,917.08	
1999	\$35,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,000	\$2,925.42	
1998	\$35,205	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,100	\$2,933.75	
1997 1996	\$35,305 \$35,405	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,200 \$2,300	\$2,942.08 \$2,950.42	
1995	\$35,505	\$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$2,300	\$2,958.75	
1994	\$35,605	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,500	\$2,967.08	
1993	\$35,705	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,600	\$2,975.42	
1992	\$35,805	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,700	\$2,983.75	
1991	\$35,905	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,800	\$2,992.08	
1990 1989	\$36,005	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$2,900	\$3,000.42	
1988	\$36,105 \$36,205	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$3,000 \$3,100	\$3,008.75 \$3,017.08	
1987	\$36,305	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$3,200	\$3,025.42	
1986	\$36,405	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$3,300	\$3,033.75	
1985	\$36,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$3,400	\$3,042.08	
1984 1983	\$36,605 \$36,705	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$3,500 \$3,600	\$3,050.42	
1982	\$36,805	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$3,700	\$3,058.75 \$3,067.08	
1981	\$36,905	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$3,800	\$3,075.42	
1980	\$37,005	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$3,900	\$3,083.75	
1979	\$37,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,000	\$3,092.08	
1978	\$37,205	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,100	\$3,100.42	
1977 1976	\$37,305 \$37,405	\$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$4,200 \$4,300	\$3,108.75 \$3,117.08	
1975	\$37,505	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,300	\$3,125.42	
1974	\$37,605	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,500	\$3,133.75	
1973	\$37,705	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,600	\$3,142.08	
1972	\$37,805	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,700	\$3,150.42	
1971	\$37,905	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$3,158.75	
1970 1969	\$38,005 \$38,105	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$4,900 \$5,000	\$3,167.08 \$3,175.42	
1968	\$38,105 \$38,105	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$5,000 \$5,000	\$3,175.42	
1967	\$38,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$3,175.42	
1966	\$38,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$3,175.42	
1965	\$38,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$3,175.42	
1964	\$38,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$3,175.42	
1963	\$38,105	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$3,175.42 \$3,183.75	
1962 1961	\$38,205 \$38,305	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$5,100 \$5,200	\$3,183.75	
1960	\$38,405	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,300	\$3,200.42	
1959	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1958	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1957	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1956	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1955 1954	\$38,505 \$38,505	\$28,305 \$28,305	\$4,800 \$4,800	\$5,400 \$5,400	\$3,208.75 \$3,208.75	
1953	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1952	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1951	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	
1950	\$38,505	\$28,305	\$4,800	\$5,400	\$3,208.75	

^{- *} See page 6 of the Remuneration and Benefits for Archdiocesan Priests for ministry expenses covered under the professional allotment.

Grandfathered rates

RCAB 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan - Incardinated Priest Savings Modeling

Example A - priest contributes 3% of pay				
bi-weekly priest stipend	\$1,362.69			
401(k) bi-weekly priest contribution %	3%			
401(k) bi-weekly priest contribution \$	\$40.88			
bi-weekly 401(k) employer contribution (100 cents on the dollar for the first 3% contributed, aka 3%)	\$40.88			
annual 401(k) priest contribution	\$1,062.90			
annual 401(k) employer contribution	\$1,062.90			

Example B - priest contributes 5% of pay				
bi-weekly priest stipend	\$1,362.69			
401(k) bi-weekly priest contribution %	5%			
401(k) bi-weekly priest contribution \$	\$68.13			
401(k) employer contribution (100 cents on the dollar for the first 3%				
contributed, plus 50 cents on the dollar for the next 2% contributed,	\$54.51			
aka 4%)				
annual 401(k) priest contribution	\$1,771.50			
annual 401(k) employer contribution	\$1,417.20			

Example C - priest contributes 10% of pay				
bi-weekly priest stipend	\$1,362.69			
401(k) priest contribution %	10%			
401(k) priest contribution \$	\$136.27			
401(k) employer contribution (100 cents on the dollar for the first 3% contributed, plus 50 cents on the dollar for the next 2% contributed, aka 4%)	\$54.51			
annual 401(k) priest contribution	\$3,542.99			
annual 401(k) employer contribution	\$1,417.20			