



DEACONS SURVEY

2023 REPORT

SUMMARY

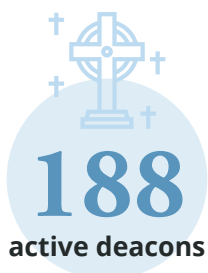
In 2023, 143 deacons of the Archdiocese responded to a survey conducted by the Office of the Diaconate. This inaugural survey compiled information on the depth and breadth of the ministry of the permanent deacons. This data provides an overview of the significant contributions that deacons make in the life of

our families of parishes, our communities and our Archdiocese. It also shines a light on the dedication of our Archdiocesan deacons, their love of the Church and their desire to fulfill their vocational mission to serve the people of God.

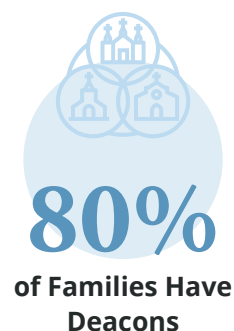
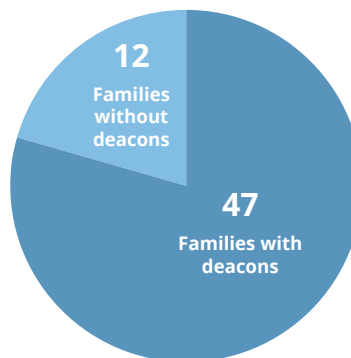
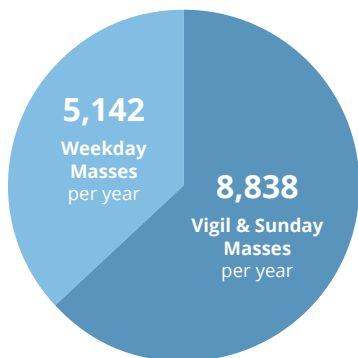


THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

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SERVICE



Active Status vs Senior Status

An Active Status deacon is one who is assigned to a family of parishes and is fully engaged in his diaconal ministry there. The deacon and the pastor have developed an agreement for the ministerial contributions which the deacon will provide to the Family. A Senior Status deacon is one who, because of age (usually 75) or infirmity, has withdrawn from active ministry. His faculties are still intact and he may still minister in whatever capacity is acceptable to him and his pastor.



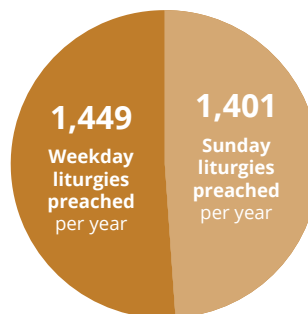
MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The contributions of permanent deacons to the life of the Church are as diverse as the deacon population itself. While most permanent deacons are still employed at full-time careers to support themselves and their families, they generously give of their time and talents for the benefit of their Family of Parishes and beyond. Through their Ministry of the Word, deacons pray, preach, teach and serve as spiritual leaders in their communities.

PREACHING



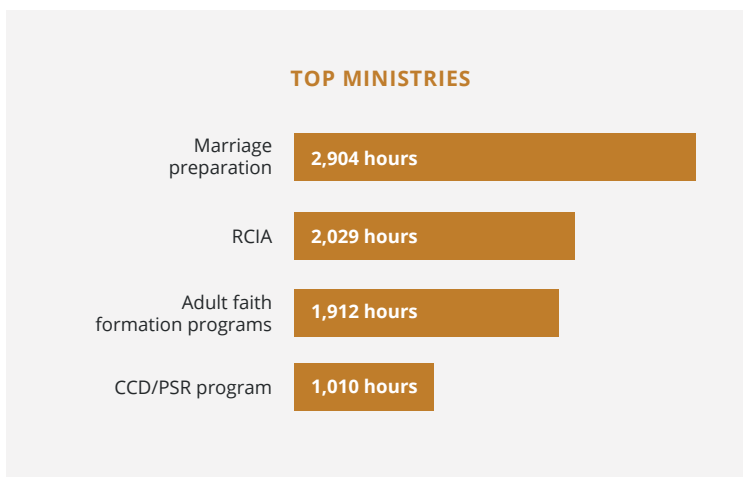
Total liturgies preached
per year



EDUCATIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL MINISTRIES



Hours spent on educational & instructional ministries
per year



Other ministries include teen/high school ministry, baptism preparation, altar server instruction, miscellaneous parish education, EMHC instruction, lector instruction, and early childhood education

PRAYER SERVICES AND RETREATS - FAMILY OF PARISHES



Hours spent on prayer services and retreats
(for Family of Parishes) per year





MINISTRY OF THE LITURGY

While a deacon is most visible during the celebration of the Mass, his liturgical ministry includes other sacramental and spiritual dimensions. Deacons function as ministers at baptisms, weddings, funeral services and many other areas of parish life, including the celebration of the Eucharist.

PRAYER SERVICES AND RETREATS - FAMILY OF PARISHES



2,635

Adoration/Benedictions

Number of services per year



1,721

Baptisms

Number of baptisms per year



1,235

Funeral Masses

Number of Masses per year



337

Weddings

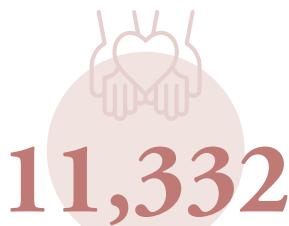
Number of weddings
(in and outside of Mass) per year



MINISTRY OF THE LITURGY

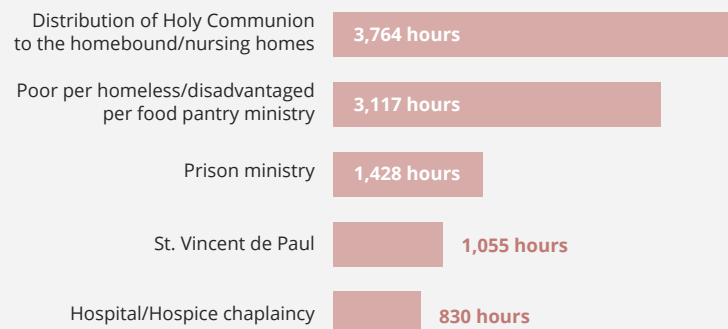
A deacon's service extends well beyond the church building itself, to include the full parish family and the broader community. The Ministry of Charity fulfills our Lord's instruction "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). Deacons make significant contributions to the community in numerous areas for the benefit of God's people.

PRAYER SERVICES AND RETREATS - FAMILY OF PARISHES



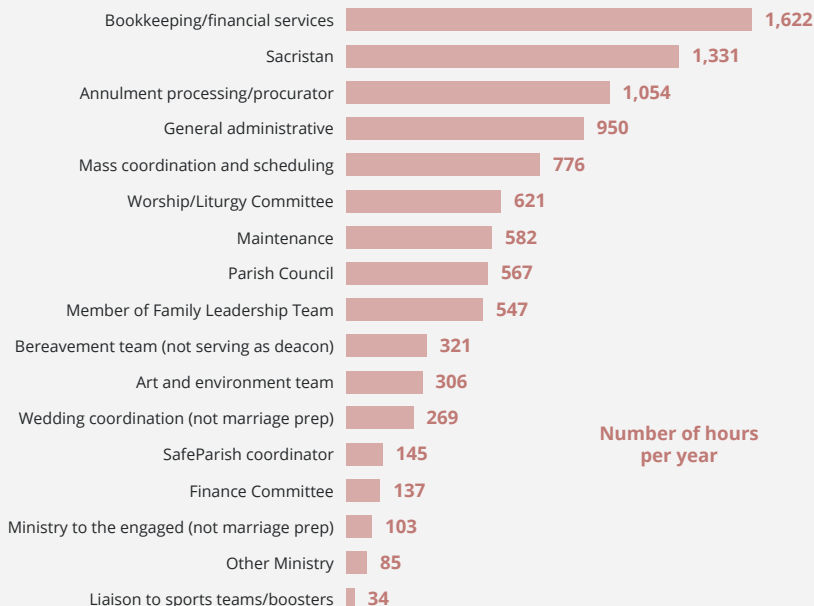
Hours spent on educational & instructional ministries per year

TOP MINISTRIES



Other ministries include spiritual direction (giving, not receiving), Knights of Columbus, mentoring (giving not receiving), social justice/social action, ministry with domestic or worldwide missions, grief support ministry, pro-life ministry, recovery group ministry (alcohol, drugs, etc), scouting chaplaincy, and sports team chaplaincy

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - FAMILY OF PARISHES



Hours spent on parish administrative services (for Family of Parishes) per year