

POLICY No. 30

PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS

1. Term definitions

Retreat: the annual time that each cleric is obliged to spend in prayer and spiritual renewal, (Canon 276, §2, 4°).

2. Intent of the directive

To provide for the expenses related to the annual retreat of clerics.

3. Policy

a. Each priest and deacon incardinated in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie is obliged to make an annual retreat. The priest may attend the annual diocesan retreat or choose to attend another one. If a priest chooses a different retreat, he is responsible for the difference in cost between the diocesan retreat and the alternative. He is also entitled to one annual workshop at the expense of the parish. The priest or deacon is responsible for the cost of transportation to the retreat of his choice.

b. The retreat varies from year to year. A retreat is held every year for the English and the French priests separately. At times, a meeting or workshop is organized for both the French and English-speaking priests of the diocese. This plenary session is usually held every other year and all priests in active ministry are expected to attend.

c. The parish is to pay for the retreat of each priest assigned to the parish.

Retired priests may attend retreats; all costs will be funded by the diocese.

d. Likewise, the parish or institution is to pay the expenses for a replacement priest during the retreat time, if required.

e. The cost for workshops and days of renewal initiated and sponsored by the Renewal Committee of the Bishop`s Council of Priests or Deacons is paid according to the budget of the Renewal Committee.

The priest or deacon is responsible for his transportation.

f. Those priests or deacons from outside the diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, who are invited to preach a retreat are to have the organizers contact the chancery office so that letters of recommendation and faculties may be granted to the visiting retreat master.

g. For a priest who preaches a retreat or mission, the suggested honorarium is \$300.00 a day plus cost of transportation, if applicable. Sensitivity should be the guide. The question of per diem costs is to be settled prior to engaging services.

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