

**POLICY No. 35**  
**PRIESTS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE PARISH**  
**BUT RESIDING IN THE RECTORY**

**1. Term definitions**

A priest not assigned to the parish but living in the rectory: a diocesan or religious priest who has no appointment to that parish.

**2. Intent of the directive**

To make certain that parishes are adequately reimbursed for the expenses of priests living in the rectory, but not assigned to the parish.

**3. Policy**

- a. Priests residing in a rectory, but not assigned to the parish, are to pay room and board to the parish, according to a fixed scale determined by the parish priest in consultation with the parish finance committee. The tenant priest is to pay the amount determined by diocesan policy (Policy No. 33, 3c).
- b. Parish priests may not waive room and board costs in exchange for services rendered to the parish.
- c. A priest in residence is to receive the honorarium/stipends payable under the policy for visiting priests (Policy No. 34) for celebrating Mass or performing other ministry in the parish. Travel expenses are reimbursed as per Policy No. 15.
- d. The parish financial statement is to reflect both the amount received for room and board and the amount paid to the priest for ministry. Net payments to the parish are not allowed.
- e. The permission of the Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie is required for any person other than a cleric to live in the rectory for a period of more than one week.

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