

How can we help our deacons fulfill their role?

1 – Pray for Them; 2 – Encourage Them; and 3 – Serve Alongside Them.



Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The word "deacon" comes from a Greek word meaning "servant." They stand ready to serve our bishop and in turn he assigns them where he perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. In a Diocese our size, this vocation is an important calling to answer.

As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity.

Only five of our 46 parishes in this diocese are covered by full-time, assigned Priest as pastor. Religious Brothers, Sisters, and trained lay personnel (deacons) share in covering the needs of parishioners when priests are not present or as in Fairbanks many needs to be addressed to help a priest.

In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important.

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/diaconate/faqs>

Urban Deacons

Dcn. Robert P. Barnard – Fairbank
Dcn. George W. Bowder – Fairbanks
Dcn. Chuck Bowman – Fairbanks
Dcn. Warren Lucero – Fairbanks
Dcn. Paul V. Perreault, P.E. – Fairbanks
Dcn. Sean J. Stack – Fairbanks

Rural Deacons

Dcn. Joe Asuluk – Toksook Bay
Dcn. Joe Avugiak – Chefornak
Dcn. Elmer Beans – Mountain Village
Dcn. Peter Boy Scout – Chevak
Dcn. James Charlie – Retired
Dcn. Dominic Hunt – Emmonak
Dcn. Carl Morgan, Jr. - Retired
Dcn. Francis Pete – Stebbins
Dcn. Dens Shelden – Alakanuk
Dcn. Henry Simons – Toksook Bay
Dcn. Christopher Tulik – Bethel
Dcn. Phillip Yupanik – Emmonak

Deacons outside Diocese

Dcn. Stan Gwizdak, Jr. -
serving in PHOENIX, AZ
Dcn. Ronald L. Jones -
serving in Honolulu Diocese

Retired Deacons

Dcn. Louie Andrew - Bethel
Dcn. James Charlie - Bethel
Dcn. Robert B. Froehle - Anchorage
Dcn. Robert Mantei - Fairbanks
Dcn. Carl Morgan, Jr.
Dcn. Raymond Waska – Emmonak
Dcn. John F. Andy - Bethel
Dcn. Stan Gwizdak, Jr - Arizona