

MASS STIPENDS/STOLE FEES/COMPENSATION FOR SUBSTITUTES

(Certain issues were not covered in the recently promulgated Priests' Compensation Policy (2.02.02, Oct. 17, 2014). These provisions from previous policies remain in effect until revised or amended.)

MASS STIPENDS/OFFERINGS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS

The offerings made by the faithful for the administration of the Sacraments are to be accepted on behalf of the parish and deposited into parish financial accounts even if an offering is endorsed in the name of the priest himself. Pastoral sensitivity dictates that all reasonable requests of the faithful be fulfilled regardless of the amount of the stipend. Pastors will oversee the distribution and satisfaction of Mass stipends.

Surplus stipends should be shared with poorer parishes through the Catholic Pastoral Center, or sent to the missions. When available, the diocese will provide Mass stipends upon request.

All offerings of the faithful received at the time of priestly service shall be accepted on behalf of the parish. Mindful of the principle of c. 848, parishes may establish a suggested offering for the faithful on the occasion of administration of the Sacraments.

Effective March 1, 2008, the Diocese recommends that an appropriate Mass stipend is \$10. The donation to the parish at the time of a funeral, wedding or baptism should reflect the real economic costs and service supported by the parish community. The suggested stipends are: \$75 for a Baptism; \$200 for a funeral; \$50 for the rite of committal (when other funeral rites are not celebrated); and \$300 or 10% of the family expenditure for the cost of a wedding.

COMPENSATION FOR SUBSTITUTES AND SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

The fee for Supply Priests for Sunday Masses is \$60.00 per Mass. Additionally, compensation for travel is provided at the current IRS rate. When an overnight stay is required or extensive travel, provision for meals should be made or reimbursement offered. Pastors are to clarify these matters when arrangements are made for the Substitution.

The weekday Mass and seasonal penitential service supply fee is \$30.00 plus travel compensated at the current diocesan rate.

Compensation for long-term residential substitution follows the published compensation scale. The parish or institution pays for substitution expenses when a priest is ill, on vacation or when need for additional assistance or coverage arises.