

Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council

Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise

DEACON COUNCIL

Membership on the Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council

The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council will consist of the following members: the Director of the Permanent Diaconate, the Vicar General for Clergy, and one Deacon to represent each of the six diocesan deaneries. Deacons residing within a deanery will elect from among their number a Deacon to represent that deanery. Their term of office shall be for three years, renewable for a second successive term. Each Deacon Representative will have but one vote. The Director of the Permanent Diaconate, as chair, will only have voting privileges in the case of a tie vote. Wives of Deacons Representatives are also ex-officio members and are invited to all meetings but shall not have a vote. Other ex-officio members (nonvoting) members can be appointed by the Director of the Permanent Diaconate as needed.

Vision and Mission

The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council is a permanent body within the Diocese of Boise. It has members both elected by the community of Deacons, and appointed by the Director of the Permanent Diaconate, with the approval of the Bishop of the Diocese of Boise. Its primary function is to advise the Bishop of the Diocese of Boise and assist the Director of the Permanent Diaconate in guiding and serving the Deacon community and, though this community, the local church in Idaho according to the directives provided by the Bishop of the Diocese of Boise.

Vision statement: The Deacon Community in Idaho is called to be a faithful servant community. Spirit-filled and directed, nourished by the sacraments, we are challenged to hear, live and proclaim fully the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission Statement: United with our Bishop and in communion with the universal church, the Deacons in Idaho are called to build up the Kingdom of God by:

- proclaiming the Word of God in daily life and sacrament;
- assisting our priests in conducting liturgical events;
- acting as Jesus, the Servant, on behalf of those most in need;
- discovering, celebrating, nurturing, and integrating the gifts of each individual, community and culture;
- forging and supporting vital faith communities;
- promoting the good values of society and challenging those that are destructive.

Specific Areas of Responsibility

- The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council shall convene two times a year at the invitation of the Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the purpose of conducting business— once in conjunction with the annual Deacon retreat, and once during the Annual Diocesan Fall Conference. Special sessions may be convened at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese of Boise and/or the Director of the Permanent Diaconate.
- The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council shall provide oversight for any standing and ad hoc committees, such as the Retreat Committee, In Service Committee, and provide oversight of all expenditures from the Saint Lawrence Fund.
- The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council may be asked to advise the Director and the Bishop on any personnel issues that affect a Deacon within the Diocese.
- The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council shall meet once a year to assess new applicants to the Deacon Formation Program and scrutinize those aspirants/candidates seeking to continue their progression to ordination within the Deacon Formation Program.
- The Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council shall act to assist and support diocesan-wide initiatives in accordance with the Bishop’s goals and directives.
- Elected deanery representatives serving on the Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council shall provide current information about parish events and activities occurring within their deanery, assist the Director of the Permanent Diaconate in his duties when they entail the cooperation of Deacons and wives of Deacons, and expedite clear and expedient communication between Deacons and the Bishop, diocesan staff, and Director of Deacons.
- Members of the Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council shall, by their counsel, assist the Bishop and the Director of the Permanent Diaconate in leading the Deacon community forward in carrying out our stated mission.

Current Members of the Deacon Advisory and Personnel Council through 2018

Chair:	Deacon Robert Barros-Bailey, Director of Permanent Diaconate
Northern Deanery Rep:	Deacon Jorge Gonzales (Estella)
North Central Deanery Rep:	Deacon Dennis Thomas
West Central Deanery Rep:	Deacon Terry Nelson (Rita)
Western Deanery Rep:	Deacon Kerry Harris (Tammy)
Southern Deanery Rep:	Deacon Javier Leija (Cecelia)
Eastern Deanery Rep:	Deacon Scott Pearhill (Marcy)
Secretary/Treasurer:	Linda Hurley (Minutes Keeper)
Ex Officio Member:	Sister Meg Sass (Pastoral Consultant)
Ex Officio Member:	Deacon Mike Eisenbeiss (Formation Consultant)
Ex Officio Member:	Fr. Rob Irwin (Presbyter Consultant)
Ex Officio Member:	Bobbie Dominick (Wives & Widows Coordinator)
Ex Officio Member:	Ludee Vermaas (Professional Development Consultant)
Ex Officio Member:	John McKinley (PLD Certification Consultant)