Deacon Formation Academy

Deacon In Formation Internship
Overview, Process, & Expectations

August 2020 v3
DFA Internship Overview

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of documents/internship assignments
- Brief review of Deacon Formation Process
- Brief review of DFA Curriculum (why an internship)
- Internship Overview Customary
- Internship Logbook
- Internship Feedback
- Summary
- Questions
History of Diaconate in AZ
Formation Process

“Intertwining Elements”:

- **Academic**: Saturday: Classroom, lecture, discussion, required reading, etc. - per Canon requirement
- **The World**: Journaling by mixing scripture with “world” news and events - “Listening to the Word”
- **Exploring**: Selecting readings of personal interest with written reflection - “Inquiring Minds Want to Know”
- **Liturgy**: Sunday: Practicum thru participating at home parish & at times includes Trinity Cathedral Sunday Choral Eucharist as lectors, acolytes, chalice bearer, etc. as well as visiting other parishes/denominations.
- **Ministry**: Ongoing with the World and Faith Community - moving into leadership

**COMMUNITY of DiF [Deacon in Formation]**
St. Benedict’s Rule: Pray, Work Community, Study, Eat - Together

**Evolution to date:**
- Classroom subjects include: Servant Leadership, Scripture, Church History, etc.
- Retreats (2) are: Community Building/Orientation & “Care w/Companions”
- Internship in another parish - now 6 months(Sept-Feb) changed from 2 to 4 months.
- Milestone measurements though subject-presentations and a final essay exam.
- Post-Ordination continued formation with “Best Skills Program” & mentoring.
- Realigned Curriculum flow & map to Deacon Competencies
Overview AZ Diaconate:
Deacon Formation Curriculum*

Retreats:
Year 1 - June: Orientation-Community Building
(Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon)

Year 2 - July: Care of Self & Care of Others
(Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon)

Experiential:
Year 1 - March thru May of Year 2 -
Sunday Practicum - 3rd Sunday of each month
(at Trinity Cathedral)

Year 2 - September to Feb. - Internship
(6 months at a different parish)

Throughout formation there are various opportunities to
serve at special services and events.

Reflection/Reading/Writing:
• On-going Journaling and Personal Reflections
• “Take and Read” (readings to broaden your
  understanding) Begins monthly in April of Year 1.
• Papers and Presentations
• Final Exam Essay

Class Sessions:
• Transforming One’s Sacred Spirit (3 sessions)
• Transforming One’s Voice (2 sessions)
• Community Support (with Priest-in-Charge & Partner)
• Church History (1 session)
• Book of Common Prayer/Deacon in Liturgy (2 sessions)
• Scripture (2 sessions)
• Theology (2 sessions)
• Pastoral Care Awareness/Recovery Ministries (2 sessions)
• Church Ethics (2 sessions)
• Justice, Advocacy, & Organizing (1 session)
• Anti-racism training (1 session)
• Canons & Constitutions (1 session)
• Preaching with Bishop Reddall
• Pre-Ordination (1.5 days)
• Post-Ordination (2 sessions)
• Post-Ordination (Yr. 2) - Best Skills 6-month Program

† Formation continues after Ordination with a variety
of offerings to support life-long learning- 2 yrs.+

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Home Parish responsibilities [pg. 2]

Host Parish responsibilities [pg. 2]

Deacon Candidate responsibilities [pg. 4]
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Internship Log Book

Copies provided to Candidate. Additional pages available.
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Feedback

For continuous improvement - asking for two types of feedback.

Candidate Intern Program Feedback

Internship Progress Feedback Form
DFA Internship Overview

Summary

- It’s about being “Visible” – especially at the Altar i.e. setting, administering wine/bread as instructed. - **Will need to be modified for the current environment.**

- It’s about stepping into new areas of ministry.

- It’s about sharing what you learn with those around you.

- Remember while as a candidate intern observe the following but please do not...
  - Proclaim the Gospel
  - Dismissal

- Copies can be found under the “**Deacons & The Diaconate**” link on the Clergy Resources page of the Diocesan Website at [http://www.azdiocese.org/deacons.html](http://www.azdiocese.org/deacons.html)
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Questions?

Thank You for your time & support of the Deacon Formation Academy.

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