

§900 REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

§901 ANNUAL REMUNERATION SCHEDULE

§901.1 *Remuneration for Diocesan Priests*

§901.1.1 Policy: Remuneration for diocesan priests is provided by the parish or primary institution of assignment. The amount is published annually in a document distributed by the Diocesan Finance Office.

§901.2 *Seniority Increment*

§901.2.1 Policy: \$10.00 per month for each year of ordination is added to the base, beginning with the completion of the first year of ordination. Upon completion of the 20th year of ordination, \$15.00 per month is added to the base pay for each year of ordination. The annual increase in one's seniority increment begins with the start of the fiscal year: 1 July.

§901.3 *Stipends*

§901.3.1 Policy: The traditional Mass stipend (\$10.00 per Mass) continues to be offered to each priest. It should be noted that a priest may only accept one Mass stipend per day. Bination and trination stipends are to be forwarded to the Chancery for distribution for priestly formation, or sent to missionary priests individually or via the diocesan office for the Propagation of the Faith. (*cf. c. 951.1*)*

§901.4 *Gifts at Sacramental Celebrations*

§901.4.1 Policy: Offerings intended for the minister of weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc., shall be disbursed at the discretion of the priests of the parish. Offerings given for the express purpose of a donation to the church belong to the parish.

§901.5 *Resident Priests*

§901.5.1 Policy: For priests who are living at a parish, but not assigned to the parish, the monthly amount for living costs shall be determined by the Finance Office at the beginning of the fiscal year. The department or entity where the priest works shall pay this amount to the parish in which the priest resides, unless the priest exchanges his services for a lesser amount.