

Weekend Assistance

Policy No. 423

Policy Statement: Priests who are asked to celebrate Sunday Mass on weekends for the faithful may be given a stipend.

Intent of Policy: To provide the faithful with Sunday Mass on weekends when their pastor or priest administrator is away from the parish.

Definition:

- Stipend is an offering or allowance for services rendered. Canada Revenue Agency considers stipends received by a priest for celebrating Mass as taxable employment income.
- Weekend assistance means celebrating the anticipated Mass(es) and Sunday Mass(es) for the faithful.

Procedure:

- a) The suggested stipend for weekend assistance is \$100.00 for the first Mass and \$50.00 for each Mass thereafter.
- b) The visiting priest will receive a T4A annually from the parish where he celebrates the Mass(es).
- c) The priest providing weekend assistance is to be reimbursed for mileage at the current rate.

Also refer to Policy:
No. 344 Mileage Reimbursement