## **Continuing Education**

| Policy Statement:  | Continuing education is required for all active deacons and is open to their spouses.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Definition:        | Deacons are expected to participate in the following continuing education activities on a yearly basis:                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                    | <ul> <li>evaluation of his learning plan is to be done by the deacon by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year and submitted to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate</li> <li>attendance at an annual "Come Together" with the Archbishop</li> <li>complete at least two (2) study days.</li> </ul> |
| Intent of Policy:  | A program for continuing education is to provide the deacon with the<br>knowledge and skills that will help him more effectively live out his<br>commitment of service to the Archdiocese.                                                                                                      |
| Procedure:         | <ul> <li>a) Each deacon is to develop an annual individualized formation and<br/>learning plan based upon his ministry and his own specific needs, and<br/>submit it to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate by September 30<sup>th</sup><br/>each year.</li> </ul>                            |
|                    | b) Continuing education activities will be organized and coordinated through the Office of the Permanent Diaconate                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Refer to Appendix: |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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