



## **GUIDELINES TO PARISHES**

### **REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZED LAY MINISTRIES**

1. The Bishop is prepared to confer a certificate on chosen lay persons who are recommended by the Parish Council for commissioning to specific lay ministries.
2. The request should outline the nature of the ministry, and a suggestion as to a brief title description - e.g. Parish Hospital Visitor; Youth Group Counsellor, etc.
3. The request should outline clearly that on-going training that will be given to prepare the person for this ministry.
4. A length of time for the appointment should be clearly indicated.
5. Room on the certificate will be left for the rector to sign. How the document is to be presented is left to the rector's judgment.

#### ***Notes***

- (i) Use of these certificates should not be routine or frivolous, but should be requested where it would strengthen someone's sense of being called and sent to a particular and specific ministry as part of his/her Christian vocation.
- (ii) The Bishop will issue the certificates, and all requests should be sent to the Bishop.
- (iii) The certificates may be used as a means of identification in any instance where an institution (e.g. hospital or nursing home) asks for some verification of volunteer pastoral visitors.
- (iv) If the person is a paid employee of the parish, consideration should be given to relating to the new category of professional Church worker's association of the National Church.



## **DIOCESE OF HURON**

RECOGNIZING THE CALL TO MINISTRY ON THE PART OF ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS,  
IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, AND WITH THE  
RECOMMENDATION OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY, I CONFER ON

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THE INVITATION AND COMMISSION TO EXERCISE A  
PARTICULAR MINISTRY WITHIN THE DIOCESE, NAMELY:

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MAY ALMIGHTY GOD, WHOSE SERVICE IS PERFECT FREEDOM,  
BLESS ALL YOU DO IN HIS NAME.

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*Rector*

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*Bishop*

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*Dated*

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*Duration of Ministry*