

SECTION 2

Licensed Ministries

There are several lay ministries within the church that must be licensed by the bishop. The Canons describe these ministries in some detail. Persons performing such ministries must be confirmed communicants in good standing and serve at the request of the resident clergy person or the bishop. Requirements for licensing are determined by the bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.

Listed below are the diocesan requirements for each ministry.

Pastoral Leader – A pastoral leader shall be trained by the resident clergy person to engage in pastoral care in their congregation. The resident clergy person shall certify to the bishop that adequate training has been provided.

Worship Leader – A worship leader shall be trained by the resident clergy person to lead public worship (morning or evening prayer) on a regular basis. The resident clergy person shall certify to the bishop that adequate training has been provided.

Preacher – Requirements for preachers will be determined by the bishop in consultation with the potential preacher.

Eucharistic Minister – A eucharistic minister shall be trained by the resident clergy person to administer the sacraments with the priest on a regular basis. The resident clergy person shall certify to the bishop that adequate training has been provided.

Eucharistic Visitor – A eucharistic visitor shall be trained by the resident clergy person using a curriculum provided by the diocese. The curriculum is available from the Bishop's Office. The resident clergy person shall certify to the bishop that the required training has been provided.

Catechist – A catechist shall be trained by the resident clergy person to prepare persons for baptism and confirmation using materials approved by the bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry. The resident clergy person shall certify that adequate training has been provided and shall supervise the catechist's work.