

Diocese of San Diego

POLICY ON DETERMINING & FILLING THE NEED FOR DIACONAL MINISTRY

Pastors should present for approval by the Bishop the need in a given parish for the ministry of a permanent deacon or additional permanent deacons.

Only when approval has been granted will approaches be explored to fill the need, whether by the assignment of a permanent deacon not needed in another parish or by surfacing potential candidates for diaconal formation from the parish community whose pastor's request has been approved.

Pastors and permanent deacons should not recruit potential candidates or propose them for consideration beforehand.