

NATIONAL DIACONATE INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CONSTITUTION

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PREAMBLE

Deacons are ordained ministers committed to proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord. As such, deacons provide leadership and service to the world that all might know and believe in Christ.

In order to better serve the Universal Church, deacons dedicate themselves to renewal and continuing education.

To this end the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education, Inc. is formed and sustained. All deacons ordained to service by the sacrament of Holy Orders are invited to join in this effort.

To provide assistance, guidance, and order, the following Constitution and Bylaws are adopted.

ARTICLE I-NAME

This association of Catholic Deacons shall be known as the National Diaconate Institute for Continuing Education, Inc., herein referred to as NDICE or the Institute.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE The purpose(s) of the Institute

shall be;

Section 1 - to promote the continuing education of deacons.

Section 2 - to promote ministry in the context of the cultural pluralism of 21st century America and the Universal Church, that all people might know Christ.

Section 3 - to further the Theological, Spiritual, and Pastoral growth and understanding of Diaconal Ministries through an Annual Conference.

Section 4 - to promote and encourage the development of new Diaconal Ministries by providing an atmosphere in which Deacons and others from throughout the world might share their experiences of Christ and His Church.

ARTICLE HI - MEMBERSHIP Section 1 - Members

- A. Membership in the Institute shall be open to any Catholic deacon who is in good standing with his bishop.
- B. Membership shall be continuous until the Member resigns from ministry, or becomes inactive in the Institute.
- C. All Members have the right to vote.
- D. Voting shall be limited to those Members present at the Annual Conference.

Section 2 - Associate Members

- A. Associate Membership is open to anyone who supports the purpose(s) of the NDICE and who attends an Annual Conference.

- B. Associate Members cannot vote for nor hold the office of President, President Elect, Treasurer or Secretary.
- C. Associate Members may serve on Committees as appointed by the President.

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1- Any Member of the NDICE may introduce an amendment to the Constitution provided:

He shall first submit the proposed amendment in writing to each member of the Executive Board. The Executive Board, after review and discussion, shall approve or reject the proposed amendment by simple majority of the Members of the Board present and voting. Should the proposed amendment be approved by the Executive Board, the proposal shall be presented to the Members in attendance at the next Annual Conference for adoption or rejection. A sufficient number of copies shall be provided for the Members present at the Annual Conference of the Institute for review.

Section 2 - An amendment shall be considered adopted if it shall have received a two-thirds (2/3) majority in the affirmative of those Members present and voting at the Annual Conference of the Institute. Upon approval by the membership, the amendment shall become part of this Constitution