MANAGEMENT OF SERVICES FOR CLERGY

- Pastor Transitions
- Graduate/Continuing Education
- Sabbaticals
- Retirement Seminars and Byrne Residence
- International Priests
- Hospital Chaplains
- Prison Ministry

CORE SERVICES – CLERGY-RELATED

For more Information, contact the Office of Parish and Clergy Services at opcs@archspm.org or 651.291.4400

OFFICE OF PARISH AND CLERGY SERVICES

Supporting, communicating and collaborating with parishes to meet the changing needs of the Church
The mission of the Office of Parish and Clergy Services (OPCS) is to directly support, communicate and collaborate with parishes and clergy, offering a direct link to the Archdiocese and its resources.

To accomplish this, the Office:
- Consults and works jointly with parish leaders to address their major issues and challenges facing their parishes.
- Offers an array of resources and support to parishes and their leaders to meet the changing needs of the Church.
- Interfaces and collaborates with Archdiocesan offices to help develop ways to better serve and support parishes and clergy.
- Supports clergy in managing various facets of their lives and ministry.

**MISSION**

**FIRST CALL FOR HELP**
OPCS serves as a “first call for help” offering resources and referral information for pastors, staff, and parishioners seeking assistance from the Archdiocese when they have questions related to either parish ministry or administration and do not know where to start.

**PARISH VISITS**
Periodic visits with the pastor and/or designated parish leaders and staff in order for OPCS to learn more about the parish and its challenges and to help consider and determine next steps to address concerns. Also, to collect new and innovative ideas for potential sharing with other parishes.

**LISTENING SESSIONS**
A listening, reporting, and consultation process that includes the pastor and other invited parishioners in order to seek information and perspective about either parish life in general or a particular parish issue or area of concern in need of being addressed and resolved.

**TRANSITION ASSISTANCE**
Consultation and resources to help pastors and parishes facilitate the transition process during pastor changes.

**STRUCTURAL CHANGES**
Participates in processes of parish pastoral planning to assess and potentially implement parish mergers and clusters.

**SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR PEOPLE EXPRESSING CONCERNS**
Speaks directly with parishioners and parish staff who contact the Archdiocese. We listen and make sure people are heard.

**CONSULTATIONS AND IN-SERVICES**
Particularly for Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils in the process of evaluating their clarity of purpose and effectiveness, including their Constitutions and Bylaws.

**LIAISONS AND/OR SUPPORT STAFF**
Attend meetings and offer support to:
- Coalition of Ministry Associations (CMA)
- Archdiocesan Parish Business Administrators (APBA)
- Lay Advisory Board (LAB)
- Comprehensive Assignment Board (CAB)
- Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning (APP)