

Policy for Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
To Wear the Clerical Shirt with a Roman Collar
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This document is meant to provide the Permanent Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, an option to wear the Roman Collar, as they exercise their ministry to the people of God. The guidelines that follow, are to provide some boundaries in regards to wearing the Roman Collar. It is also important to read this policy noting Canon 284, *Clerics are to wear suitable ecclesiastical garb in accord with the norms issued by the conference of bishops and in accord with legitimate local custom.* It is important to note that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops specifies that Permanent Deacons should resemble the faithful in dress and matters of lifestyle. Each Diocesan Bishop should, however, determine and promulgate any exceptions to this law, as well as specify the appropriate clerical attire if it is to be worn. When a Permanent Deacon is wearing clerical attire, he should be especially conscious of his role as a visible and public representative of the Church and should conduct himself accordingly.

The option to wear the roman collar is for when a Deacon is directly engaged in ministry for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

- I. The Attire:
 - A) The clerical shirt can be long or short sleeve, and any color except black.
 - B) The clerical shirt is to have the Deacon Cross on it, which can be embroidered or a pin.

- II. When it is permissible to wear the clerical shirt:
 - A) Teaching class for a Parish or the Archdiocese.
 - B) Meeting with parishioners on parish grounds.
 - C) Meeting with committees and organizations of the Parish or the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
 - D) For the celebration of Mass, the Sacraments, and Sacramentals.
 - E) When in active ministry including but not limited to Hospital and Prison Ministry.

- III. When it is not permissible to wear the clerical shirt:
 - A) At any time when you are not directly engaged in ministry for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, or one of its Parishes
 - B) At any social function even if the social function is held at or sponsored by a parish and/or the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
 - C) While working or volunteering for any other organization even if that organization has a relationship with the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

- IV. If a Permanent Deacon is suspended, has his faculties removed or restricted in his function as a Permanent Deacon, he is not to wear the clerical shirt.