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CHANCERY OFFICE

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Dear Father:

RE: PRIESTS' SALARY AND TRAVEL ALLOWANCES 2019

SALARIES

- 1) Beginning January 1, 2019, the monthly basic salary for priests will increase by 2.83% considering inflation and cost of living. Thus salaries will be \$2,473.33 per month (or \$29,679.96 per year). This includes personal allowances for food, equity and books.
- 2) Mass Offering: Suggested Mass Offering is \$10.00.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE (use of personal vehicles):

- 3) **Priests/Parish Ministers where expected travel is less than 14,500 km per annum:**
45¢ per kilometer to a maximum of 14,500 km per year. This equals \$6,525 per year (or \$543.75 per month). If your calculation, based on distance travelled for parish work, is less than \$6,525 the difference between your calculation and \$6,525 can be taken as a taxable allowance.
- 4) **Other priests/parish ministers:** Necessary travel on parish business:
 - 45¢ per kilometre - first 20,000 km
 - 42¢ per kilometre - on excess of 20,000 km to a maximum of 40,000 per year

Should anyone anticipate exceeding the 40,000 kilometers in the year, you are encouraged to discuss this with your Dean or any of the Administrators, to make sure that your travel expenses are adequately covered.

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY TO HOSPITALS & NURSING HOMES

Unsalariated priests who do regular sacramental ministry in health care facilities receive the same honorarium as visiting priests who are not on full salary (as below).

REPLACEMENT MINISTRY

- 1.) Honorarium for a visiting priest who is not on a full salary or does not have a mandate from the diocese:
 - SUNDAY EUCHARIST - \$75 plus Mass Offering for the first Mass; \$35 for other Masses plus travel expenses.
 - WEEKDAY EUCHARIST - \$20 plus Mass Offering, plus travel expenses.
 - INVITED TO HEARING CONFESSIONS - \$25 plus travel expenses.

- 2.) Lay presiders do not receive remunerations (except for travel); this is part of their ministry by baptism, like many other ministries.

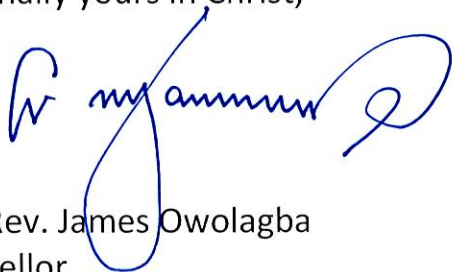
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The priest pension deduction remains \$125 per month. The Clergy Health Premium also remains at \$95.00 per month.

CLERGY HOUSING DEDUCTION

Clergy Housing Deduction is \$1,000. Your copy of the Clergy Housing Deduction Letter is to be filled in and kept in the parish office if you plan to use the Clergy Deduction for housing in the 2019 tax year.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Owolagba', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Very Rev. James Owolagba
Chancellor