



# Archdiocese of Regina

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## GUIDELINES FOR PRIESTS' ON-GOING EDUCATION/STUDY

1. The Archdiocese of Regina is committed to the promotion and support of the continuing formation of its priests, both for their personal wellbeing and for their effectiveness in the life of the Church.
2. In accordance with the law, a diocesan bishop is obligated to send some clerics to ecclesiastical universities or faculties for the good of his diocese (c. 819). Thus, in view of particular needs in the Archdiocese, a priest may be asked to take a full degree in a specific field (c. 279 §3 and Ecclesiae Sanctae (1966), ##. I, 7). The cost towards these studies will be funded from the Education of Priests Fund.
3. However, all clerics are encouraged to attend spiritual and pastoral courses to enhance their ongoing formation for ministry (c. 279 §§1, 2). Preference should be given to study which will up-date and give a better understanding of the priest's role and that of the laity in the Church (c. 279 §3) and in the areas of personal and ministerial growth.
4. Since continuing education and formation is intended for both the growth of the individual priest and the enhancement of his ministry, a priest may use his personal time and funds for available courses of study at nearby institutions of higher learning. The costs for attending Archdiocesan organized studies/on-going education will be funded by the parish. Each priest shall keep the parish, especially the Parish Pastoral/Finance Council, apprised of his planned program of continuing education and formation.
5. Pre-Approved part-time educational diploma program may be reimbursed by the Archdiocese upon successful completion. Each priest is expected to determine his personal and professional growth needs and to plan a program to meet these needs. The type of institution and studies would be mutually decided between the applicant and the Director of Personnel & Human Resources Committee, with the Archbishop giving final approval. Since,

Approved by Daniel J. Bohan

Archbishop of Regina  
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