

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN

(Name of Diocesan Bishop)

(Bishop's title)

AND

(Name of religious superior)

(Superior 's title)

(If parish is being entrusted to the institute):

By this agreement the pastoral care of (name of parish) in the (name of diocese) is entrusted to the (name of province and/or institute). This agreement is made in accord with canons 520, 681 and 738.2 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law governing the works of the apostolate entrusted to religious communities and societies of apostolic life. This initial agreement shall be for (n. of years) and may be renewed by mutual agreement.

The priest assigned to serve as the pastor of (parish) shall have those rights and obligations given to pastors in the Code of Canon Law in canons 519 - 538. He shall enjoy the non-habitual faculties given to priests of the (diocese of). (In case of a personal parish, reference might be made to the provisions of cc. 1110 - 1111 regarding marriages)

The parish and the pastor shall be governed by the laws, decrees, ordinances, policies and guidelines of the Code of Canon Law and the (diocese of).

Through this agreement, the Reverend (name of pastor) shall be assigned as pastor of (parish). Any replacement of Father (N) would take place according to the norms in canons 682 and 738.2 and the policy guidelines of the (diocese of). The (bishop of diocese) would make the appointment. (additional provision would be made if associate pastor(s) are being named)

The pastor assigned shall take an active role among the clergy of the diocese, attending conferences and workshops as do the secular clergy, and actively participating in the local vicariate.

(Parish name), through accounts maintained through the voluntary offerings of the faithful and other donations received, shall provide the salary and support of the pastor (associate) in accord with the support schedule for the clergy of the (diocese) as modified for religious communities and societies of apostolic life.

Any funds acquired by the parish belong to the parish and are governed by the canons on church property (cc. 1254 - 1310) as well as civil law and the guidelines of the (diocese of).

Only those funds specifically designated by the donor for the (religious institute) will become the property of the institute. The funds of the parish shall be kept in a separate account for the parish with regular budgets and financial reports made in accord with diocesan policy.

Each party agrees to (n. months) notice prior to any termination of the agreement.

Bishop

Date: _____

Notary

Religious Superior

Date: _____

Notary _____