



FORMATION FOR MINISTRY

Two Year Service Agreement For Commissioned Lay Ministers

Name: _____

Parish: _____

The above named candidate agrees to provide two years of service to their parish as a Commissioned Lay Minister following their commissioning.

A Commissioned Lay Minister in the Diocese of Ogdensburg is a member of a parish who, by baptismal commitment, through prayer, discernment, training and the support of the community both requests and accepts the call of the Bishop to share in the mission of the church.

Priorities

The commissioned lay minister's priorities are:

- 1. Family Obligations**
- 2. Employment**
- 3. Ministry Assignment**
(Ministry shall never interfere with the first two responsibilities)

Accountability

The pastor/pastoral administrator/supervisor agrees to:

- † Provide the opportunity, encouragement and supervision of the ministry assigned him/her
- † This service agreement and the accompanying job description are to be reviewed and evaluated each year by the pastor/pastoral administrator.
- † A lay minister will give sufficient time to accomplish the ministry tasks in the accompanying job description. A suggested minimum is two hours per week.

On-Going Formation:

The commissioned lay minister is encouraged:

- To continue spiritual formation by regular consultation with a personally chosen spiritual director;
- To participate in the Formation For Ministry Annual Weekend Retreat;
- To attend workshops provided throughout the diocese to enhance personal growth and ministry;
- To pursue continuing education in Theology, Scripture, Spirituality and areas related to ministry.

Date

Lay Minister

Date

Pastor/Pastoral Administrator

Date

Formation For Ministry Program Coordinator