

PASTORAL MINISTER

>“Pastoral Minister” definition (__date_promulgated__); Nickless)

1. A **pastoral minister** is a permanent deacon, religious or lay person who is working with one or more priests in a parish/cluster of parishes to provide pastoral leadership. A pastoral minister assists in the pastoral and spiritual care of a particular parish/parishes. A pastoral minister is more than a professional parish staff person (DRE, liturgist, youth minister, etc.)
2. Please use this title pastoral minister if you are hiring someone or have someone serving in such capacity. Do not use the term pastoral associate or assistant. These terms are reserved for ordained priests in this diocese.