

Mass Stipend Guidelines and Procedures

There are eligibility requirements for requesting Mass stipends to support diocesan or religious priests in mission dioceses, provinces or territories.

Here are the guidelines:

- Support ministers serving in mission territories of high need outside of the United States
- May only be requested for dioceses, religious congregations or provincials or Roman Catholic Institutions (such as a seminary)
- Is to be offered to multiple priests able and willing to celebrate Mass on behalf of the donors' intentions
- Will only be accepted and offered once per ministry, per year

A request for Mass stipends must include the following documentation:

- A letter from the requesting priest or bishop/religious superior that indicates the specific country, diocese or congregation/province in which the receiving priest(s) lives and serves
- Indicates the number of priests for whom the stipends are requested
- Shares email contact information of the requesting priest or bishop
- Requests that come from a priest are to include an original letter from the appropriate bishop or religious superior acknowledging and supporting the request, as well as a letter or statement of certification attesting to the requestor's good standing.
- Provide the most secure and preferred means of sending money to your diocese/religious community: Mail: (U.S. only) **OR** Wire Transfer (International only).

