



## INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

### Field Education Experiences (Candidate Portfolio)

The FIELD EDUCATION PROGRAM of the Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) of the Archdiocese of Chicago is designed to help candidates gain exposure with a wide variety of ministerial activities, skills in select tasks, sensitivity to the dynamics of pastoral relationships, awareness of the social context of ministry, and theological perspective upon the various aspects of the practice of ministry.

The direction of an on-site field education mentor or supervisor is priceless to a promising ministry leader.

Mentoring for ministry formation is an interpersonal relationship, where the on-site mentor “takes responsibility of cooperating with the candidate in the pursuit of ministerial skills, in the development of a ministerial identity, and in bringing book knowledge into dialogues with the life of the community.”<sup>1</sup>

Specific purpose, outcomes, protocol and assessment are designed for each field education experience. Each of the experiences is part of a Candidate Portfolio with specific obligatory benchmarks at various times on the candidacy path. The Associate Director guides the journey with the individual candidate with the aid of a parish contact (pastor).

### Field Education Portfolio Obligations

- Service to Charity

#### Candidacy Year 1

- Service to the Word

#### Candidacy Year 2 (Internship in parish)

- Service to the Liturgy

