



INSTITUTE FOR DIACONAL STUDIES ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Practica

In each year of candidacy, candidates are provided with hands-on, experiential training for the performance of the skills necessary in presiding at prayer and sacraments. Consistent affirmation and practice aid the candidate's confidence and ability in becoming a public minister and supplement academic and formational curricula.

Aspirancy

- Introduction to Public Speaking/Communications (Homiletics I)

Candidacy Year 1

- Proclamation Skills and Techniques (Homiletics II)

Candidacy Year 2

- Presiding at Baptisms I
- Witnessing and Blessing Marriages I
- Assisting at Funeral Mass I
- Presiding at Wake Services, Interments I
- Assisting at Mass (Sunday/weekdays) I
- Introduction to Ministry of Care
- Homiletics III (Exegesis and preparation)

Candidacy Year 3

- Presiding at Baptisms II
- Witnessing and Blessing Marriages II
- Assisting at Funeral Mass II
- Presiding at Wake Services, Interments II
- Presiding at Benediction/Devotions
- Leadership and Presiding at the Liturgy of the Hours
- Assisting at Mass (Sunday/weekdays) II - three sessions
- Homiletics IV (preparation and practica)

