Episcopal Responsibilities Chart

(adopted by the Bishops, 1994)

Diocesan Bishop	Area Bishop	College of Bishops
 Accepts postulants Ordains deacons Issues Letter of Appointment for deacons/curates 	 Defines need of the parish for ordained assistance Provides supervision 	Decisions ordination to diaconate (in consultation with Postulancy Committee) Deploys deacons
	Ordains priests	Decides on ordination to priesthood (in consultation with Postulancy Committee)
 Licences (co-signed with area bishop) Institutes incumbents Sends and accepts Letters Issues 'Bene decessit' for clergy entering or leaving diocese 	 Works with Parish Selection Committee Appoints incumbent Issues Clergy Letter of Appointment Decisions stipend, negotiation, etc. Performs Induction (celebration of new ministry) Appoints associate priests, honorary assistants 	Deploys clergy
	 Supervises Clergy Recommends continuing education Manages Sabbath leaves Manages Sabbaticals Organizes wellness planning 	• •Consults
Appeals	Instills discipline	Consults
	Provides pastoral care for personal situational crisis of clergy	Consults
	Provides parish interventionsPerforms conflict resolution	Consults
	Consults over parish plans for ministry and mission	
	Issues Licences for lay ministries (communion, healing, lay readers, etc.)	
Appoints to diocesan boards, commissions, bishop's committees, honours, etc.		Consults
Oversees the Church's mission and ministry within diocese	Oversees Church's ministry and mission within area	Consults