



MOST REVEREND SHAWN MCKNIGHT, S.T.H.D.
ARCHBISHOP OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS

General Decree
Promulgating Priest Salary Structure

Whereas, the Archdiocese has the responsibility to ensure that its priests receive remuneration and support (cf. Can. 281) and that policies that regulate remuneration and support of priests receive periodic review in order to remain clear, just, and responsive to changing circumstances within the Church and society;

Whereas, after consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the appropriate archdiocesan offices, a revised Salary Policy for Priests has been prepared to better articulate standards for priestly compensation and ensure consistency and equity in their application within this local Church;

By virtue of my authority as Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas, in accord with canons 381 §1 and 391 of the Code of Canon Law, and in accord with my responsibilities as the Diocesan Bishop to take care that provision is made for the support of priests (cf. Can. 384) I hereby issue this

GENERAL DECREE

to promulgate the new *Priest Salary Structure* in order to provide clarity and uniformity, to promote justice and good order, and to ensure that the material support of priests is administered across the Archdiocese in a consistent manner. In accord with the discipline of the Church, the salary established by this decree is the exclusive compensation for priests, and any additional income or remuneration requires the express authorization of the Diocesan Bishop (cf. Can. 286).

This new payment structure and schedule shall take effect on 1 March 2026, with the new amounts specified for priests with an assignment taking effect 1 July 2026, and are to be observed by all parishes and institutions subject to the governance of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas. This new Priest Salary Structure and policies that regulate the compensation of priests are

subject to revision from time to time as experience, pastoral necessity, and the good of the Church so indicate, with the approval of the Diocesan Bishop.

This decree is to be communicated to the priests of the Archdiocese, to the appropriate parish staff, and posted on the website of the Archdiocese.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, on this 29th day of January in the Year of Our Lord 2026.



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