

Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

A Prayer For Our Regional Ministries

*Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to the regions of the diocese all things needful for their spiritual welfare [ministers to labour in these portions of thy vineyard, churches complete in the beauty of holiness]. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; protect and guide the children; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent. Remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of thy blessed Name; though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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Regional Deans

Who Are We?

- † Priests in your Region
- † Men and women of the Diocese

Leadership Role

- † We consult with our Bishops in support of their pastoral oversight of the Diocese.
- † We have representation on the Diocesan Council.

How Does A Person Become Regional Dean?

- † By appointment of the Diocesan Bishop in consultation with the Archdeacon and the clergy and lay representatives of the Regional Council.

What We Do?

Our Administrative Role

We are there to support and guide the parishes of our regions.

For the Diocese

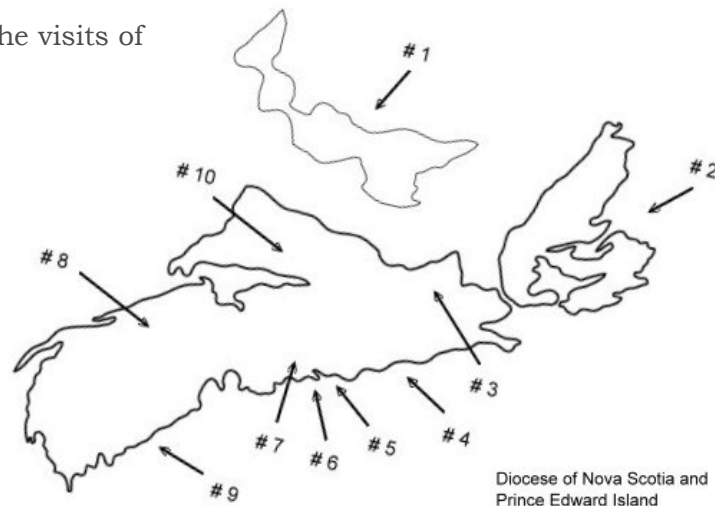
- † Support the administrative role of the Diocesan Bishop in the Region.
- † Liaise with the Episcopal Office and Diocesan Committees, as needed.

For the Region

- † Work together with the Archdeacon of the Region.
- † Assist the work of the Regional Council.
- † Chair Meetings of the Regional Clericus.
- † Develop the itinerary for the visits of the Bishops to our Region.

For the Parish

- † Act as an administrative resource person to parishes.
- † Oversee the signing-out process when a person resigns as the Rector or Priest-in-Charge.
- † Visit each parish in the Region at least every two years, meeting with parish officers and interested church officers and parishioners.
- † Review appropriate business and record-keeping procedures [as set forth by the diocese] with the Rector or Priest-in-Charge and parish officers.
- † Review Parochial Returns.
- † Inspect [with the wardens and parish property committee] the buildings and properties.



Training and Meetings

The Regional Deans meet three or four times per year with the Diocesan Bishop and the Suffragan Bishop.

They also participate in training sessions throughout the year.

Accountability

Regional Deans are directly accountable to Diocesan Bishop.

Term of Office

A Regional Dean serves for a term of five years, renewable once, at the pleasure of the Diocesan Bishop.

Celebration of New Ministry

When a person becomes Regional Dean, the region comes together for a Celebration of New Ministry at which the Archdeacon installs the new Regional Dean and the people of the Region promise to share their ministry together. During the service, the Regional Dean signifies his or her willingness to accept and discharge all of the responsibilities of the office.