

§900 REVIEW OF PRIESTS AND THEIR PERSONNEL RECORDS PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT, RE-ASSIGNMENT, OR NOMINATION

901.1. Policy Prior to assignment or re-assignment of an Archdiocesan Priest as Pastor, all candidates' names and assignment considerations shall be sent to the Vicar for Priests and the Chancellor for review. The Vicar for Priests and/or Chancellor shall inform the Archdiocesan Priests' Placement Board or proper authority responsible for the appointment if there is any pertinent information in a priest file which would then be relevant to his being given a particular assignment. As to any other assignment of an Archdiocesan Priest, the Vicar for Priests and/or Chancellor (in a timely manner) shall inform the Executive Secretary of the Archdiocesan Priests' Placement Board, or proper authority responsible for the appointment, if there is any pertinent information in a priest file which would then be relevant to his being given a particular assignment. (cf. Policy 1103.6)

901.2. Policy Prior to nomination for a significant and public leadership position which is voted upon by the presbyterate, the Archbishop reserves the right to remove from the slate the name of any potential nominee. Such positions shall include members of the Diocesan Priests' Placement Board, the Board of the Priests' Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA), the Vicar for Priests, the Officers of the Presbyteral Council, and other such positions as may be indicated by the Archbishop.

Procedures

- a) Before priests are contacted about being selected as nominees for the above positions, their names should be presented to the Archbishop for his information.
- b) While respecting the slate submitted by the nominating committee, the Archbishop at his discretion can remove any name from that list based on information from appropriate advisors or their files.
- c) Candidates should not be disqualified because of legitimately differing theologies, ecclesiologies, etc., except that the Archbishop may disqualify candidates whose views on matters of policy may be seriously incompatible with the teaching or discipline of the Church as well as the policies of the Archdiocese, as authoritatively interpreted by the Archbishop.
- d) After consultation, the Archbishop shall return the slate to the nominating committee, indicating the name(s) of any candidate(s) disqualified by the Archbishop.