

Context: In preparation for the seminarian's future Pastoral Ministry, Deacons are inserted into a parish under the direction of a Pastor or a designated priest who will act as the deacon's supervisor. The purpose of this year is to engage fully in the diaconate ministry.

What follows are the learning goals, assignments and the assessment tools St Patrick's Seminary requires for this Field Education experience. (60 ministry hours per semester are required)

Learning Goals	Assignments	Assessment
Demonstrate the ability to preach at the Sunday liturgy and other sacramental occasions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The deacon is required to preach no less than once a month.</li> </ul>	The pastor is required to give some feedback after the homily
Competency in administering infant baptism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The deacon is required to baptize a child.</li> </ul>	It is essential that the supervisor be present in order to evaluate and give feedback to the deacon.
Competency in witnessing to at least one marriage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The deacon is required to be a witness to at least one marriage during this deacon year.</li> <li>■ <i>If this is not possible, the deacon is required to shadow at least three times the presiding witness to the sacrament of Marriage.</i></li> </ul>	It is essential that the supervisor be present in order to evaluate and give feedback to the deacon.
Knowledgeable of the parish programs for the Sacraments of baptism and marriage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Participate as much as possible in the parish preparation programs for baptism and marriage</li> </ul>	
Demonstrate the ability to engage in the Pastoral Care of the Sick.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Welcome the opportunity to visit the sick and assist in their spiritual care.</li> </ul>	
Demonstrate Pastoral Learning through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The capability to assess, identify and respond to people's needs in a pastoral way.</li> <li>◦ Articulate the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith to the different groups of people in the parish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Write two Theological Reflections</li> </ul>	Your supervisor will assess your pastoral skills. This assessment will be reflected in the end of the year evaluation to St. Patrick's Seminary.  Director of Field Education will assess the students Theological Reflection.