

Diocesan Commission for Permanent Diaconate of Hong Kong Annual Report 2014

The Commission

Cardinal John Baptist Wu appointed on 1 February 1993 a Diocesan Ad hoc Committee to promote and establish the ministry of Permanent Diaconate in Hong Kong (renamed in 1996 as Diocesan Commission for Permanent Diaconate of Hong Kong), hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”.

Mission

2. - to be responsible for the planning, promotion, publicity, selection of candidates, formation and ordination
- to strengthen the acceptance of permanent diaconate in the Diocese and formation

Appointments

3. His Eminence Cardinal John Tong appointed/reappointed on 19 May 2014 the following persons to be members of the Commission for the period from 1 February 2014 to 31 January 2016:

Chairman : Rev. Dominic Chan, Vicar General

Members : Rev. Benedict Lam, Rev. Giorgio Pasini PIME, Rev. Francis Tam, Deacon Joseph Sung, Mr. Bernard Chan, Ms Jennie Chor, Mr. Peter Chan, Ms Teresa Chu , Mr. Simon Li, Ms. Cecilia Ng, Ms. Louise Wong.

- 3.1 Rev. Dominic Chan, Vicar General also acted as the Formation Director.
- 3.2 Deacon Joseph Sung, member of the Commission passed away on 26 August 2014.

Meetings

4. During the year, 4 meetings were held on 4 March, 16 June, 20 September and 19 December respectively; an Insight Day was held concurrently on 20 September 2014.

Highlights

5. The highlights were focused on the strengthening of the spiritual formation, expanding the learning and service spectra, organizing an Insight Day to review the progress and to map the future directions of the Commission, to organize a Learning Camp for wives of the Deacons. Details are elaborated in paragraphs 19 to 33.

Report of the Formation Director

6. The Chairman of the Commission, Rev. Dominic Chan, VG is also acted to be the Formation Director. The Formation Director is responsible for the execution of the directives of the Commission and in charge of the planning, publicity, promotion, selection and ordination arrangements. At present, there are 20 Permanent Deacons in the Hong Kong Diocese. 14 Candidates are under training on theology studies, pastoral and community services. For the better understanding and familiarization of the diocesan mechanism, Permanent Deacons and the Candidates as well, are appointed to the appropriate Diocesan Committees or organizations as members as detailed in Appendix I.
7. Admission – **Mr. Cheng Chun Fat Dominic, Mr. Yeung Chi Kwong Matthias, Mr. Lau Wai Ming Joseph and Mr. Lee Hon kit Victor** were admitted as Candidates at the St. Lawrence Church, Kowloon on 13 December 2014.
8. Ministry of Lectors and Ministry of Acolyte – On 11 October 2014 at Mother of Good Counsel Church, Kowloon, the ministry of Lectors was conferred to **Candidates Lam Chi Man John, Tang Chi Ho Francis, Tam Wing Keung Simon and Chan Yuk Keung Simon** ; the ministry of Acolyte was conferred to **Candidates Sin Yiu Fat Anthony and Kwok Chi Keung Alexander**.
- 9 Deacon Bosco Wong has returned to Hong Kong after completed his studies at Catholic University of Louvain. He is now teaching philosophy at the Holy Spirit Seminary.
10. The Formation Director meets with the Permanent Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants regularly to understand their performances and aspirations, for the planning of their training needs, to give guidance and support.
 - 10.1 Clinical psychologists are invited to give assessments to the aspirants and the admission of Candidates.
 - 10.2 Home visits are held to Candidates and Aspirants to have a better understanding from them and their family members on their responses to the diaconate ministry.
 - 10.3 For the Permanent Deacons, to pay attention to their growth in spirituality, and their family harmony.
 - 10.4 The Formation Director arranges Spiritual Directors and mentors to accompany and support the Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants to grow in their spiritual lives.
 - 10.5 For the strengthening of a community life and sharing of life experience, the Formation Director assigns Permanent Deacons to play the role as mentors for the Candidates and Aspirants.

11. The Commission has prepared guidelines for the Deacons and Candidates to follow in their training and attachment sessions, as well as helping the Parish Priests to assess their performance.
12. The Commission has published a prayer sheet for the intention to pray for the Permanent Diaconate ministry in gatherings and promotional activities. A copy is shown at Appendix II.
13. The Commission established a "Spirituality Development Committee" (Membership : Rev. Benedict Lam, Rev. Francis Tam, Rev. Deacon Joseph Sung and Ms Jennie Chor).to help Deacons and Candidates in their spiritual guidance and growth. Deacon Joseph Sung passed away on 26 August 2014 and replaced by Deacon Bosco Wong. The Spirituality Development Committee designs a formation module comprising an integration of "Franciscan" and "Ignatian" spiritualities applying Scriptures, Solitude, Reflections, Mediations, Prayers and supported by living demonstrations towards developing a lifelong spirituality pattern. These experiences will be recorded in a *LOGBOOK* which contains the self reflections in the journey of the spiritual growth. It is a requirement for all deacons and candidates to participate within a period of 3 years. Opportunity is also taken to identify and train potential deacons to become members of the "Spiritual Directors Team" to be established in the pipeline.
14. The Commission established a "Curriculum Committee (Membership : Rev. Francis Tam, Deacon Edwin Ng, Mr. Bernard Chan, Mr. Simon Li, Mr. Peter Chan, Ms Teresa Chu and Ms Louise Wong) to plan and design the formation curriculum in a 3-year cycle module covering Theology, Doctrine, Servant Leadership, Works of Charity, Spiritual Development; and to set up the core subjects which candidates must complete prior to be ordained.
15. In line with the "Guidelines", the Commission established an "Appraisal Committee" to assess the growth and readiness of the candidates. The Committee will conduct an appraisal exercise on 26 and 28 January 2015 respectively for the Candidates who will receive ordination in 2015.
16. Members of the Commission visited the Deacon's monthly gathering for better understanding and support. For details, please refer to para. 34-41.

- 17 The Formation Director has included in the Vicar General's Office website (<http://vgoffice.catholic.org.hk>) a link to Permanent Deacons to establish information and the promotion of the ministry.

Appointment of the Assistant Formation Director

18. In view of the increase of the size of the deacons community, the complexities in the workload, the Commission had approved to appoint Deacon Edwin Ng to be the Assistant Formation Director to help, support and share the duties of the Formation Director and to handle the tasks for the Permanent Diaconate Office.

Highlights of the year

The Insight Day

- 19 The Commission held an Insight Day on 20 September 2014 at the PIME House, Clearwater Bay to review and to plan the future directions. With prayers and deliberations, the Commission reaffirmed these directives:

- *To conduct a Research on the Development of the Permanent Diaconate ministries in Hong Kong*

The development of the Permanent Diaconate ministries in Hong Kong has been over two decades accumulating experience to share and plan for future. To identify the way forward, the Commission considers that it is necessary to have a scientific research examining the level of knowledge of and the demand of the ministry within the Church and the community. The Centre for Catholic Studies of the Chinese University Hong Kong has been commissioned to undertake this research over a period of two years.

- *Design of a Deacon's Logbook*

To help Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants maintain a comprehensive record of formation on learning, spirituality and reflections for personal reference; the Commission will design a record system known as "Deacon's Logbook" containing the information as aforesaid. Such information will help the Formation Director give appropriate guidance in their diaconate journey.

- *The Team of Spiritual Directors*

To establish a team of Spiritual Directors who are acquainted with the diaconate ministry to guide Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants; and to train potential deacons to join the team.

- *Counselling formation and practices*

The diaconate services, whether pastoral or works of charity, demand the role as a counsellor. The primary task is to possess the skill of listening. It

is planned to include the “Counselling” as a core subject in the formation curriculum.

Formation of wives of Deacons

20. The Commission considers that the entire formation journey of the deacons require the indispensable participation of the wife. It is therefore necessary :
 - ✧ To strengthen the formation of the wives of Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants to the effect of thorough understanding that the Order of the Diaconate is the joint vocation of both the husband and wife
 - ✧ To enhance the spiritual life, the understanding of catechism and the teachings of the Church in par with the level of the husband
 - ✧ To strengthen the community life among the wives of the Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants

21. The Formation Director meets with wives of all Deacons and Candidates regularly to establish a “Walk in Company Programme” in the form of companionship for mutual support to help them share their life experience of their ministerial role as wives of Deacons through prayers and to walk in company.

22. On 31 March 2014 Members of the Commission, Ms Louise Wong, Ms Jennie Chor and Mr. Simon Li presented a sharing to the wives of Deacons and Candidates on “Theology of the Body”, “Christian Life Community” and “The Fu Hong Society service”.

23. ***The Study Camp of the wives of Deacons.*** The Commission organized a study camp for the wives of deacons on 15,16 November 2014 at St. Paul’s House of Prayer, Sheung Shui. The keynote speaker is Ms Monteserrat Martinez, wife of Permanent Deacon Aurelio Ortin Martinez. Deacon Martinez was ordained in 1989. They were married in 1969 with 4 children and 8 grandchildren. She was a teacher by profession, catechesis to teen-agers, a theologian. She published a book “Relationship between marriage and diaconate, in a Church of communion” in 2006. She has served as a member of the International Diaconate Centre Board, representing the deacons’ wives since 2013. In her keynote speech at the camp, she shared her 33 year life journey as the wife of a deacon. She expressed that the diaconate ministry was a vocation for the whole family. The wife was the bridge between the Church and the family. The deacon playing the role as a Servant Leader to give witness in the society together with the wife, serve as an instrument of the new evangelization.

24. The wives shared the assignments of the camp:

Date	Topic for sharing	By
15 November	Welcome	Rev. Dominic Chan, VG
	How will marriage support the Order of the Permanent Diaconate	Mrs. Mable Lam, wife of Candidate John Lam
	Mid-day prayer	Mrs. Agnes Sinn, wife of Candidate Anthony Sinn
	How does the Permanent Diaconate enrich the marriage life	Mrs. Nancy Siu, wife of Deacon Paul Shiu
	Formation programmes for wives of Permanent Deacons and Candidates	Mrs. Eriminia Kwok, wife of Candidate Alexander Kwok
	Eucharistic Celebration	Rev. Dominic Chan, VG
	The journey of the wives of Permanent Deacons	Mrs. Flora Yip, wife of Deacon Julian Ip
16 November	Morning Prayer	Mrs. Agnes Sin, wife of Candidate Anthony Sinn
	The communal spiritual formation of the Permanent Deacon and wife	Mrs. Connie Tang, wife of Candidate Tang Chi Ho
	How to respond to the husband's call to the vocation of Permanent Deacon	Mrs. Michelle Wong, wife of Deacon Louis Wong
	Mid-day prayer	Mrs. Elaine Kwok, wife of Deacon Stephen Kwok
	Personal Sharings	Mrs. Cecilia Ng, wife of Deacon Edwin Ng
	Eucharistic celebration	Rev. Gabriel Altamirano Ortega, MG.

25. The conclusions in the Camp were:

- that the Order of the Diaconate together with the Sacrament of Matrimony is the integration of blessing upon blessing;
- to have strengthened and affirm the participation of the wife in the vocation and their commitment and support in the ministry with a joyful and a prudent spirit.

26. The 14 participating wives were accompanied by the Deacons/Candidates/Aspirants. Their common feeling was that the Camp had helped strengthening their marriage and vocation journey. Ms Louise Wong and

Ms Jennie Chor, member of the Commission participated in the Camp to give guidance.

27. The Commission thanked Rev. Gabriel Altamirano Ortega, MG for the dedicated service in the Spanish/Chinese translation work in the study camp.

Information Day

28. The Commission held on 5 May 2014 an Information Day at the office premises of Permanent Deacons to promote the diaconate ministries. The Commission had requested all Deacons and Candidates to invite from the couples of their friends and parishioners to join this Information Day in fulfillment of *"Come and you will see"* (John 1:39). The responses were encouraging with some 90 participating. In the gathering, Deacons and Candidates shared their vocation journey and their ministerial experiences. It was delighted to note that after the gathering, the Formation Director had been approached expressing their wishes to join the formation programme. The Formation Director had arranged to interview these applicants as a follow up. The Commission decides that the "Information Day" is an important annual focus plan and therefore appoints the first Monday in May each year to be dedicated to hold the "Information Day". The next "Information Day" will be held on 4 May 2015 and all Deacons and Candidates are reminded to identify potential couples to attend.

International Inflow and Communication

29. Rev. Dominic Chan, V.G. Formation Director and Deacon Edwin Ng attended the International Diaconate Centre Committee Meeting held at Johannesburg, South Africa during 25 February to 1 March 2014 together with representatives from Germany, India and Australia to explore the present development of the diaconate ministry in formation and services aspects. At the meeting, it came across to know a Committee Member Ms Monteserrat Martinez, wife of a Permanent Deacon. It was considered that her life experience would help our Deacons' wives realize their role and vocation. Rev. Dominic Chan in his briefing on the South Africa meeting with the wives of the Deacons on 31 March 2014 suggested to them to invite Ms Monteserrat Martinez to visit Hong Kong to share with them her experience. The suggestion was welcomed and details of ***"The Study Camp of the wives of Deacons"*** were elaborated in paragraphs 23 to 27.
30. Rev. Dominic Chan, V.G. Formation Director together with Deacon Edwin Ng will attend the International Diaconate Centre Committee core meeting on 9 March 2015 at Houston, Texas, USA.

31. The International Diaconate Centre will celebrate their Golden Jubilee in Rome during 21 to 25 October 2015 inviting all deacons to join. The Hong Kong delegation will participate to share their experiences with their brother deacons. Opportunity is taken to visit Assisi and Siena for a spiritual pilgrimage during this trip.
32. The International Diaconate Centre, established in Germany has maintained their website with French, German and English languages. The Commission considered that it was prudent to include the Chinese language so as to allow our deacon brothers in the Chinese speaking dioceses access to this website in building contacts and communion. The Commission has ventured to undertake the translation work to promote a channel for the deacons' solidarity across the countries. The translation work is in progress.
33. Regarding the planned 2nd International Chinese Permanent Deacons Conference in 2018, support has been given by the Diocese of Toronto. Preparatory work is in hand.

Focus learning.

34. The Commission arranges in the Permanent Deacons' monthly gathering held in the afternoon of the 4th Sunday every month a session for specific topic learning, visits to Religious Congregations, pastoral experience sharing, practicing homily, with a view to expanding their knowledge and vision, concluded by practicing vesper:

Date	Speaker/visit/particulars
26 January	Visit to the Correctional Services Museum, sharing by Deacon Edwin Ng on prison pastoral services
23 February	Visitor: Deacon Yuen Ming Shing from the diocese of Seattle Sharing sessions: wives group, spiritual, charity and pastoral
23 March	Briefing by Formation Director of the South Africa Meeting of the IDC, sharing of the Hong Kong experience, strengthen contacts and familiar with the developments in Asia Sharing sessions : wives group, spiritual, and pastoral
27 April	Sharing of the wives meeting held on 31 March 2014

25 May	Sharing of the Information Day gathering held on 4 May Understand the pastoral work in the Mainland, open discussions on social issues: the same sex marriage, the controversial "Occupy Central" and "True Universal suffrage"
22 June	Wives group sharing open discussions on social issues: the 22 June Voting, the disputes in the North East New Territories Development, the impact of the "One country, Two Systems White Paper Report"
27 July	Sharings on preparing Homily, the problems encountered in the catechesis groups, the personal disputes occurred in the Christian communities
28 September	Deacon Bosco Wong and wife sharing on their study life in LOUVAIN
26 October	How to avoid disputes in monetary matters
24 November	Communication between husband and wife Sharing on the Study Camp of the wives of Deacons
28 December	Analysis of the deacon's ministry comparing with case studies by Ms Twiggy Mak, Clinical psychologist. open discussions on social issue : the reflections and direction of pastoral services after the "Occupy Central" movement.

Continual Learning

35. As required under Chapter 4 of the *Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons*, a continuing formation system is introduced, encouraging deacons to undertake in a two year cycle professional development studies of an accumulated 25 hours. The subjects cover :
- (i) Enhancement of Leadership abilities: to require Permanent Deacons to participate in practical pastoral courses, theology and philosophy courses, personal growth and development course, enhancement of parish and resources management abilities, deepen their personal spirituality and encourage them to strengthen their commitment to the Church.
 - (ii) Enhancement of Pastoral Effectiveness: to encourage Permanent Deacons to participate in spiritual formation to enrich their spirituality, to maintain solidarity with deacon communities in other places and affiliated church organizations through contacts and dialogue with a view to expanding their exposure and vision to serve for the formation of the faithful, the community and the Church more effectively.
36. The Permanent Deacons have to maintain these records for submission to the Formation Director for endorsement. Such records will be entered in the Deacon's Logbook as mentioned in paragraph 19.

Annual Retreats

37. Retreats were held to deepen the spiritual formation of Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants:

Date	Target group	Venue	Spiritual Director	Topic
20-22 June	Candidates, Aspirants and wives	St. Paul's House of Prayer, Sheung Shui	Rev. Benedict Lam, Rev. Francis Tam, Rev. Etienne Veto and Ms Jennie Chor	Humility
20 – 22 August	Deacons, candidates and wives	St. Paul's House of Prayer, Sheung Shui	Rev. Benedict Lam	A reflection of the diaconate ministry from "Constitutio pastorali De Ecclesia in mundo huius temporis Gaudium et Spes"

Formation Learning

38. The Commission designates every Monday evening as "Learning Hours" and arranges short term courses for Deacons, Candidates and Aspirants to strengthen their understanding on Church teachings, Church ministry, pastoral liturgies, family pastoral ministry with a view to helping them in performing their ministries. The courses taken this year include to actualize the Diocesan Pastoral directive of 2014 : **"to deepen our understanding of our Faith and to revitalize the spirit of Vatican II"**. All courses were open to the wives to attend.

Subject	Date
The Marriage Moral and the Natural Family Planning By Rev. M. Habiger OFM	13 January
Briefing of <i>Sacrosanctum Concilium</i> By Rev. Thomas Law	17,24 February 3,10,17 March
Ecumenism By Rev. Edward Hsuch	24 March
Briefing of the Catholic Doctrine By Ms. Victoria Yeung, Director of Diocesan Catechetical Centre	12,19,26 May
Hospital Pastoral Services By Ms Winnie Leung, Executive Secretary of Diocesan Commission for Hospital Care	9,16 June
Spiritual Formation (Daily Office, Spirituality, Prayer and Solitude) By Rev. Benedict Lam, Rev. Francis Tam, Ms Jennie Chor	23,30 June 7,14,21 July

Homily Rev. Joseph Yim	1,8,22 September
Briefing on Dei Verbum, Verbum Domini, Evangelii Gaudium By Mr. Stanislaus Lee and Sr. Laura Watt of Hong Kong Catholic Biblical Association	6,13,20,27 October 3 November
Spiritual Guidance by Rev. Benedict Lam, Rev. Francis Tam, Ms Jennie Chor	10,17,24 November, 1,15,29 December

Familiarization Visits

39. The Commission arranged for the Deacons and Candidates familiarization visits to diocesan organizations for a better understanding of their work. In view of the tight learning schedule, visits were only conducted to the Diocesan Catechetical Centre and the Diocesan Commission for Hospital Pastoral Office as part of the course syllabus. If opportunities arise, invitation will be extended to the organization concerned to give a briefing at the deacons' gatherings.

Promotion

40. All Deacons and Candidates will personally approach potential Catholics to encourage them to respond to the vocation of the Permanent Diaconate ministry. Arrangements have been made with the Holy Spirit Seminary for the promotion activity to the students of religious studies regularly. Promotion is also carried out in parishes where admissions, lectors and acolyte are administered, and through the "Information Day" as mentioned in paragraph 28.

Office of the Permanent Diaconate

41. For the development of the solidarity of the Deacons, the Diocese has previously allocated two classrooms at the former St. Jude's Primary School at North Point for use by Deacons in organizing gatherings and training purposes. The accommodation was called "The Deacons' Corner". Deacons, Candidates and their families will meet in the afternoon of the 4th Sunday of each month to practice Lectio Divina, pastoral experience sharing, Vesper practices and homilies. Approval has been given to allocate Room 697 at the Catholic Diocese Centre at Caine Road as the office accommodation of the Permanent Deacons. The North Point premises was returned in end June 2012 for parish use which is under heavy demand. The new venue was spacious with state of art facilities. The new premises is used for office, meeting, training and resource centre purposes. The premises will also be made available to other institutions which have services related to the diaconate ministries for conducting meetings, training and gathering. The Formation Director, Rev. Dominic Chan, VG, blessed the new premises on 28 July 2013.

42. Schools are the nursing ground for evangelization. The Deacons and Candidates are the most suitable resource persons to promote the evangelization because of their formation knowledge and experience in theology and catechism training to support the parish and school. The following programmes have commenced:
- regional catechism classes for teachers and staff. A class of 10 teachers will receive the Sacrament of Baptism in Easter 2015, and another class of 5 teachers will be baptised in Easter 2016..
 - to conduct religious liturgies and spiritual activities in schools.
43. Deacons helped in the pre-marriage formation course run by Caritas-Hong Kong on the “Religion” subject as instructors.
44. Permanent Deacons take part in the diocesan activities organized for the religious in the study days, Diocesan celebrations and to conduct Benediction during the monthly gathering of the clergy. Deacons also conduct the prayer services at the Catholic cemeteries on the Chinese festivals remembering the departed relatives with the help of the parish bereavement groups.
45. The Hong Kong Deacons community maintains close contacts with other overseas Chinese Permanent Deacons through the electronic network for experience and information sharing. The activities and information of the Deacons are contained in the website <http://deacon.catholic.org.hk>, and the related facebook group(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/world.pd.exchange.2013/>). Whenever any Chinese Permanent Deacon happens visiting Hong Kong, if opportunity allows, he is invited to join the gathering in communion with solidarity.

Obituary

46. The Commission noted with deep regret the loss of Deacon Joseph Sung, member of the Commission who passed away on 26 August 2014. Deacon Sung was one of the first batch of applicants expressing his intention to serve the Church through the permanent diaconate ministry when the Hong Kong Diocese announced to establish diaconate ministry in 1992. Deacon Joseph Sung was ordained on 13 December 2003 at the Catholic Cathedral by Bishop Joseph ZEN. He devoted his ministerial work in Education, Labour and Evangelization, pastoral service at the St. Thomas the Apostle Church and the Annunciation Church during his life time. He was appointed a member of the Commission since 2007 to help in the development and formation of the diaconate ministries, Spiritual Director/Mentor of Deacons and Candidates, the coordinator of the deacons community. He lived

and demonstrated himself as a Servant Leader receiving respect and love from within and outside the Catholic community. Will Deacon Sung, Cardinal John Baptist Wu and Deacon Francis Wong together the Saints in Heaven pray for the development of the diaconate ministries of the Diocese of Hong Kong.

2015 Work Plan

47. The Commission decides the work plan for 2015 focusing on :

Spiritual formation

- To strengthen the spiritual formation of Deacons, Candidates, Aspirants and their wives
- To organize team of Spiritual Directors

Research and Development Plan

- To conduct a Research on the Development of the Permanent Diaconate ministries in Hong Kong

Management system

- To prepare a Deacon's LOGBOOK

Inflow and Communication

- To attend the International Diaconate Centre core meeting in March 2015 in USA
- To attend the IDC Golden Jubilee celebration in Rome in October 2015 and the spiritual pilgrimage (19-31 October 2015)

Promotion and Publicity

- To organize the Information Day (4 May 2015)

Continual Learning

- Counselling formation and practices
- To strengthen the preparation of Homilies (February and March 2015)

Ordination of Deacons

- To organize the ordination of deacons (13 June 2015)

Acknowledgement

48. We thank all clergy, religious, Spiritual Directors, members of the Commission, the organizations in the Diocese for their support, guidance and encouragement in the formation training, planning and guidance of the diaconate ministry. We thank all Deacons, Candidates, Aspirants and their families for their dedication to promote Love and to witness Faith, to participate in the work of the Commission. May the Lord reward them abundantly.

Appendix I – List of appointments, parish pastoral work and community services 2014

Appendix II – Prayer for the Permanent Deacons

Appendix I

List of Appointments, Parish pastoral work and Community services 2014

Permanent Deacons	Parish	Community service	Diocesan Organisations
Lo Woo Lui, Peter	retired		
Tsang Fan Hing, Karl	retired		
Yeow Yu Hong, Paul	retired		
Yung Wai Chung, Joseph	retired		
Cheung Ka Wai, Francis	retired		
Chow Yu Hong, Joseph	St. John the Baptist Church	Prison pastoral service	
Ng Wing Hung, Edwin	Epiphany church	Prison pastoral service	Diocesan Commission for the Permanent Diaconate Assistant Formation Director
Tse Ming Fai, Francis	Service at ArchDiocese of Galveston-Houston, Texas, USA		
Leung Shing Kwok, Peter	St. Teresa's Church	Hospital Pastoral Care, Reception of visiting religious from Mainland	Diocesan Commission for Hospital Pastoral Care, Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, Hong Kong Catholic Commission for Labour Affairs, Spiritual Director of Catholic Scouts
Fung Sze Chung, Francis	Rosary Church, Kowloon	Interreligious Dialogue	Diocesan Board of Catholic Cemeteries, Diocesan Commission for Interreligious Dialogue
Li Fook Sung, William	Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Marriage Pastoral Care	Diocesan Pastoral Commission for Marriage and the Family(Chairman)
Tang Bun, Bernard	St. Margaret's Church	Airport pastoral services	Diocesan Vocations Commission, Assistant to the Airport Chaplain
Wong Shing Yee, Bosco	St. Stephen's Church		

Kwok Ping Fai, Stephen	Mother of Christ Church	Youth pastoral service	Diocesan Youth Commission
Kwan Chung Wah, Nestor	Star of the Sea Church	Prison pastoral service, Seamen pastoral service	Diocesan Commission for Pastoral Services to the Disabled, Diocesan Commission for Hospital Pastoral Care, Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Pastoral Council
Siu Wai Leung, Paul	St. Andrew's Church	Bereavement and marriage pastoral services	Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission, Diocesan Pastoral Commission for Marriage and the Family
Lam Sair Ling, Fraustus	Holy Cross Church	School pastoral care , building and development	Diocesan Building and Development Commission
Au Kar Wai, Andrew	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church	Prison pastoral service	Diocesan Lenten Organizing Committee(Chairman), Hong Kong Catholic Education Development Committee, Assistant Diocesan Procurator
Wong Chin To, Louis	St. Jude's Church	Marriage and family	Diocesan Pastoral Commission for Marriage and the Family
Ip Wai Wing Julian	St. Mary's Church	Hospital pastoral care, Prison pastoral service	Diocesan Building and Development Committee

Candidates

Ho Man Hong, Peter			
Chu Nim Cho , Charles	St. Teresa Church	Prison pastoral services	
Kwong Kwok Chuen , Cosmas	St. Thomas the Apostle Church	Labour pastoral care, Prison pastoral services	Hong Kong Catholic Commission for Labour Affairs (Chairman)
Wong King Shing, Peter	Cosmas and Damain Church	Labour pastoral care, Prison pastoral services	
Kwok Chi Keung , Alexander	Holy Redeemer Church	Hospital and rehabilitation pastoral care, Prison pastoral services	
Sin Yiu Fat , Anthony	Our Lady of the Rosary	Prison pastoral care	

	Church		
Lam Chi Man, John	Annunciation Church		Diocesan Ecumenical Commission
Tang Chi Ho, Francis	Mother of Good Counsel Church		
Tam Wing Keung, Simon	St. Andrew 's Church	Prison pastoral care	Hong Kong Catholic Board of Communications
Chan Yuk Keung , Simon	Holy Cross Church		
Cheng Chun Fat, Dominic			
Yeung Chi Kwong, Matthias			
Lau Wai Ming, Joseph			
Lee Hon Kit, Victor			

Deacons Passed Away	Date of Ordination	Date of Rest In Peace
Wong Kwok Sum, Francis	13 January 2001	28 September 2008
Sung Wan Lung, Joseph	13 December 2003	26 August 2014

Appendix II

Prayer for Permanent Deacons

Almighty and Eternal God,

You have chosen our Permanent Deacons to assist the Bishops and their community of priests to evangelize, to participate in Christ's sacrifice and to foster love and care through their ministries.

May You send the Holy Spirit upon them so they can fulfill their mission loyally, particularly in preaching what they believe, to teach what they believe , and to live in the way they teach.

O Lord, may they possess all the virtues as in the Gospels, to love without fear, to care for the deprived, to live with honour, to preserve with simplicity and to cooperate with obedience.

May they be totally loyal to the Church, to witness their faith with a pure heart, to be a fervent follower of the Son of God in this temporal life, and to live and reign with you in the day to come.