



Role and Ministry of the Regional Vicar of the Presiding Bishop

As the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, we understand the role and ministry of the Regional Vicar of the Presiding Bishop to be:

The Regional Vicar is called to serve as the representative of the Presiding Bishop to the communities and individuals of a particular region that has not yet formed as a local church, a diocese. Ministry as Regional Vicar is an extension of the Presiding Bishop. Vicars are called to serve faithfully as the representative of the leadership of the Presiding Bishop: through pastoral teaching, celebrating the sacramental mysteries, and in administration and governance as outlined in the Constitution of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion.

Tasks and responsibilities of the ministry of Regional Vicar include:

1. Pray for the communities of the particular region. This is the first and foremost service. You are also to remind the faith communities and clergy of your region to pray for one another and to gather periodically for prayer and guidance.
2. Visit the ECC faith communities in the particular region on a regular basis, bringing the Presiding Bishop's pastoral care to the people and clergy of each community.
3. Celebrate Confirmation in these faith communities as an extraordinary minister of the sacrament, when the Presiding Bishop is not able to be present as the ordinary minister.
4. Represent the Office of the Presiding Bishop through the process and reception of new faith communities into the Communion, according to the constitutional canons.
5. Represent the Office of the Presiding Bishop through the process and reception of new clergy (who are already ordained Catholic priests or deacons) into the Communion, according to the constitutional canons. Develop a team of knowledgeable and responsible evaluators for the formation of candidates and reception of previously validly ordained clergy for ministry in the Region.
6. Foster vocations in the region, and nurture those who seek ordination through the process of candidacy and ordination (according to the constitutional canons) - guiding their pastoral service to a faith community of the region.
7. By example and collaboration, nurture and aid the ministries of the clergy of the region - gathering with them for regular days of prayer and education.

8. Nurture the identity of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion among the communities of the region by periodically gathering members of all faith communities for days of prayer, planning, advisement and education.
9. Represent the Office of the Presiding Bishop at functions and meetings with faith communities and other associations that are not within the Ecumenical Catholic Communion.
10. Report irregularities, problems and needs arising in the region, and among the ECC faith communities, that are addressed by the Office of the Presiding Bishop (according to the constitutional canons).
11. Coordinate collections and other fund-development events, as planned in collaboration with the other Vicars and the Office of the Presiding Bishop, for the financial support of the Communion.
12. Collaborate with the House of Laity and House of Pastor delegates of the Region to develop a means to sustain the pastoral care and work of the Vicar for the Region through financial means and support.
13. After consultation with the Presiding Bishop and with Presiding Bishop's Chancellor, intervene into situations which are called for by the canons of the Constitution of the Communion for the Office of the Presiding Bishop.
14. Develop the region, by the will and guidance of the Holy Spirit, to the next stage of growth: the formation of either a Regional Mission, or a Diocese of the Communion.
15. Gather periodically with all other Vicars (by telephone/internet or physically) for meetings with the Presiding Bishop, to discuss the pastoral and administrative needs and plans of the Communion.
16. An appointment as Regional Vicar will remain for the duration of the term of service of the Presiding Bishop, unless otherwise specified.