



THE CHANCERY  
of the  
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

MEMORANDUM

To: Brother Priests and Parish Bookkeepers  
From: Father LaMorte   
Date: December 14, 2021  
Subject: Monthly Compensation Plan for Priests [Calendar Year 2022]

Each September since 2010, His Eminence has amended the base stipend for his priests with a cost of living increase of one, two or three percent. This is understood not to be a raise, but rather an attempt to reach parity with the priests of neighboring dioceses and we have been grateful to the cardinal for this.

In consideration of the effects of the child victims act, the coronavirus pandemic, subsequent lay-offs of personnel and the lower than normal parish offertory revenue (who will have to bear this expense), there has been no adjustment since September 2019.

Cardinal Dolan has allowed me to bear the good news that he has approved a three percent cost of living adjustment for the coming calendar year, effective January 1, 2022 with a greater enhancement for pastors.

The chart below reflects the new monthly benefits according to each category and the increased monthly transportation reimbursement.

CATEGORY	YEARS ORDAINED	BASE	13 <sup>TH</sup> MONTH	TRANSPORTATION
A	1 to 5	\$2,683	\$224	\$180 (Car)/\$130 (No Car)
B	6 to 15	\$2,714	\$227	\$180 (Car)/\$130 (No Car)
C	16 to 24	\$2,746	\$229	\$180 (Car)/\$130 (No Car)
D	25 or more	\$2,777	\$232	\$180 (Car)/\$130 (No Car)
E	Pastor/Administrator	\$3,000	\$250	\$180 (Car)/\$130 (No Car)

**PERQUISITES** in the compensation package such as disbursements for continuing education (\$600 per annum payable directly to the institution), retreat (\$600 per annum payable directly to the institution), domicilium (\$600 per month payable to the parish or institution) and Mass stipends for announced (\$15) and unannounced (\$5) remain unchanged.

**AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE MONTHLY ALLOWANCE** Priests who use a car for pastoral duties will receive 70% of the premium for the modified basic mandated New York State insurance. Estimated reimbursements for 2021 are listed here and have increased.

<i>COUNTY</i>	<i>MONTHLY ALLOWANCE</i>
Bronx	\$237.00
Dutchess	\$124.00
Manhattan	\$166.00
Orange	\$122.00
Putnam	\$143.00
Rockland	\$128.00
Staten Island	\$237.00
Sullivan	\$140.00
Ulster	\$118.00
Westchester Lower	\$124.00
Westchester Upper	\$123.00

**ASSISTING PRIESTS** These days, pastors are relying more and more on the support of supply priests to help them with the celebration of the sacraments. A number have called our office to inquire about just remuneration. The Mass fee refers to the amount given by a parish – in addition to the \$15 Mass intention offering made by the donor – for the sustenance of non-assigned priests who assist on Sundays, weekdays or emergencies by celebrating Mass, hearing confessions, or other services rendered. Factors, including transportation are to be considered in setting this rate. The standard range for Mass appears to be between \$75-\$100 plus compensation for traveling distance.

Kindly share this communication with your parish bookkeeper or accountant.