



VICAR FOR CLERGY
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

11th February 2020

Dear Father,

In response to a concern raised both by the Priests' Council and in many conversations with our brother priests, Cardinal Dolan has directed that a survey be taken so as to ascertain your thoughts on the twelve-year policy for pastors. Enclosed is a survey form which may be returned by mail or can be scanned and emailed to me at edmund.whalen@archny.org. Please return it by Friday, 21st February so the results can be prepared for the next Presbyteral Council meeting (19th March).

The question boils down to whether or not you support maintaining the current requirement that a pastor move after serving two six year terms (provided he has not reached age 70). Please indicate if you support maintaining the current policy or if you support a second option which is that the twelve-year term would be the norm, but exceptions may be made for another six-year term in cases of need as determined by the archbishop.

Thank you for all that you are doing and for your perseverance in these difficult days.

Gratefully,

Bishop Edmund J. Whalen
Vicar for Clergy

SURVEY

_____ I support the current policy of two six year terms after which a pastor must move to another assignment, unless he has turned 70, in which case he may remain at the parish as pastor until age 75.

_____ I support a policy of two six year terms, with the possibility of renewal for a six-year term for specific needs as determined by the archbishop.

Please indicate your current status:

- _____ pastor
- _____ administrator
- _____ temporary administrator
- _____ parochial vicar
- _____ retired
- _____ other than parochial ministry
(education, administration, hospital, etc.)