



# Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda

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## DIOCESAN FEE SCHEDULE

It is to be understood that inability to pay the fees suggested for pastoral services will never be used to deny service to any individual. All Pastors are free to exercise pastoral judgment in releasing people from payment of required fees in cases of necessity.

1. At present, priests who serve as Pastors of parishes receive a stipend/salary of \$1,777.00 per month.
2. Each Non-Bermudian priest receives pension payments of an extra month's salary in June and November each year. Bermudian clergy and employees of the Diocese are members of the Bermuda Government Pension Program.
3. Health Insurance, payroll tax, social insurance, room and board as well as car expenses are paid by the parish for each Pastor.
4. Mass Stipends and what have been traditionally called "Stole Fees" for Weddings, Funerals and other services are considered supplementary income for the Priest.

### 5. Cemetery/Funeral Fees:

a) Church where the funeral is held:	\$400
b) Officiant conducting the funeral:	\$300
c) Graveside services for burial ( <b>Officiant</b> ):	\$150
d) Opening and Closing Tomb ( <b>Casket/Coffin</b> ):	\$150
e) Opening and Closing Tomb ( <b>Urn</b> ):	\$75
f) Use of Church Tomb ( <b>Casket/Coffin</b> ):	\$1,000
g) Use of Church Tomb ( <b>Urn</b> ):	\$250
h) Use of Church Tomb w/Monument( <b>Includes Engraving</b> ):	\$2,000

### 6. Weddings:

- a) If the wedding takes place at a Parish in Bermuda and all the preparation was done here, the following fees apply:
  - I. Church: \$400
  - II. Priest: \$300
- b) If someone is prepared for marriage here but will be married outside Bermuda or if the person is a Catholic who will be married in a non-Catholic Church here in Bermuda with all the necessary permissions, the following fees apply:
  - I. Parish: \$100
  - II. Priest: \$100
  - III. Courier costs are to be paid by the person/couple

- c) The weddings of non-resident Catholics will be celebrated in Bermuda in accord with specific Diocesan Guidelines (Separate Document). The follow Fees apply:
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| I. Church:     | \$700 |
| II. Celebrant: | \$300 |
| III. Diocese:  | \$500 |
- d) Children of parents living in Bermuda and registered in one of our parishes who desire to be married in Bermuda at the "Home Parish" are to be considered a local couple, even though they reside outside Bermuda.
- e) Renewal of Marriage Vows
- If the couple requesting this service is not residing in Bermuda, some proof of marriage in the Catholic Church is required.
  - There is no fee for this celebration but if a gratuitous donation is made then 50% goes to the officiant and 50% goes to the Parish.

7. Fees for the Organist and Leader of Song at Funerals, Weddings and similar events are not considered to be the Church's fees and are not determined by the Diocese. The agreement on their payment must be done directly between the interested party and those who are chosen to serve in these roles. The Parish Office together with the Officiant should assist the interested party in the process of organizing the ceremony, and can facilitate in choosing the organist and song leader but must refrain from being involved in the financial agreement between the parties. Priority of being chosen to serve as an organist or song leader at these events belongs to those who are ordinarily serving in these roles in the Parish of the event.

#### 8. Baptism:

No fees must be requested for a Baptism. If a gratuitous donation is made then 50% goes to the officiant and 50% goes to the Parish.

#### 9. Confirmation:

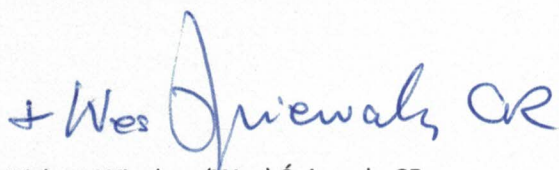
A collection will be taken up at the Confirmation Mass to be used at the Bishop's discretion.

#### 10. Mass Stipends:

- The suggested minimum Mass offering is \$15.00. The entire stipend goes to the celebrant of the Mass.
- Collective Mass Intentions are allowed at one Mass per week.

11. The prescription of Church Law regarding the "Missa Pro Populo" offered weekly by the Bishop and the Pastors must be carefully observed (Can, 388 & 534).

This Fee Schedule was approved and promulgated on the 24th of April, 2024 and with this act all previous fee schedules are is no longer valid.



Bishop Wiesław (Wes) Śpiewak, CR  
Diocese of Hamilton in Bermuda  
24th April, 2024