



DIOCESE OF GALLUP

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Policy for Support of Extern Dioceses

Whereas: It is appreciated that many extern priests come from a diocese with financial challenges and that their ordinaries may solicit appeals from a diocese or archdiocese in the United States of America to aid their ministry.

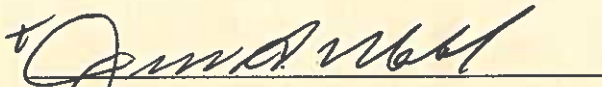
Whereas: The diocese of Gallup does not permit such solicitation due to the strained financial status of this diocese.

Therefore: We, the Most Reverend James Wall, Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup, hereby modify the existing diocesan law regarding extern priests making mission appeals on behalf of their home diocese.

1. Out of gratitude for the service of extern priests and their ordinary for allowing them to come to our diocese, it will be permissible for extern priests to assist their own diocese by conducting appeals in other US dioceses.
2. The number of weekend absences for this purpose is limited to one per year.
3. The primary administration and management to arrange and coordinate these appeals is the responsibility of the Home Diocese. The Extern Priest should only need to do travel and date coordination for the appeal.
4. The extern priest must secure temporary coverage for his assigned ministry.
5. The Parish of the Extern Priest must not incur expenses due to this activity. Expenses, if incurred, will be reimbursed to the Parish by the Extern Priest or directly by the Home Diocese for which the funds are solicited.
6. The cost of the traveling priest must be covered by the Home Diocese.
7. The Office of Bishop for the Diocese of Gallup and Office of the Chancellor must be notified in advance of these planned absences. The name of the covering priest should be given for weekend coverage. If the absence will extend over more than two weekdays, arrangements need to be made for any urgent sacramental needs of the faithful.
8. Activities in support of a home diocese, such as more than one weekend per year, must receive written permission in advance from the Office of the Bishop.

These changes are to be noted in the Diocesan files and communicated to the priests of the Diocese. These modifications take effect immediately.

Given this day at the Diocesan Chancery, Gallup, New Mexico, on the 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord, 2025.



+ James Seán Wall

Bishop of Gallup



Deacon Randolph Copeland

Chancellor

