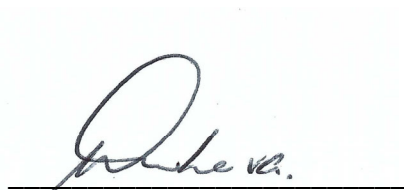


- 1) The Bishop's written permission is required for part time or full-time study for any:
 - a. Masters or doctorate, in a field they already hold a degree in
 - b. Post graduate certificate or diploma in any field
 - c. A course of study that the individual has no prior academic award in

- 2) Permission is sought by a written application to the Bishop, and must:
 - a. Demonstrate that the parish would not suffer during the time of study given that they are appointed to a parish and that is their full-time role
 - b. Demonstrate the benefits to the individual and to the wider Church such study would bring
 - c. Not be a course of study that would in the Bishop's mind be a conflict of interest either for the individual or their role
 - d. Provide a financial plan that:
 - demonstrates that they have applied for, and have, or have not received any government support or scholarships
 - how much they are personally willing to contribute
 - the gap they are requesting from the diocese to bridge costs

- 3) If approved, the individual would need to commit to:
 - a. Pay the necessary fees directly to the provider when due
 - b. Present an invoice to the Bishop's Office for the amount of support agreed upon after they have paid the provider
 - c. Provide a copy of the semesters course results with the invoice
 - d. Once the above three points have been completed, the invoiced amount will be reimbursed to the priest

Approved by the Vicar General



Reverend Andrew Doohan

06/07/2020

Date