



DEANS – Role and Responsibilities

1. **Name:**

Dean (c. 553 §1)

A *Vicar Forane*, who is also called a Dean, an Archpriest, or some other name, is a priest who is placed over a *Vicariate Forane*.

2. **Appointment**

The parish leaders (clergy and lay) of the Deanery select a priest nominee for presentation to bishop, who may or may not appoint (553 §2).

3. **Term**

6 years, renewable (554 §2).

4. **Removal**

Bishop can remove a Dean for a just cause (553 §3).

5. **Responsibilities (general, 555 §1)**

5.1. Promotion and coordination of common pastoral activity

5.2. Support of clergy and lay leaders in the Deanery, maybe via regular meetings etc.

5.3. The other responsibilities listed in canon 555 are delegated to other persons in the Diocese and not the responsibility of the Dean.

6. **Responsibilities (specific, 555 §1)**

6.1. Organise a common meal for the Parish leaders in the Deanery, on a frequency determined by the members of the Deanery.

6.2. Provide written feedback to the Council of Priests on matters the members of the Deanery wish.

6.3. Ensure that new appointees are welcomed and inducted into their parish.

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