

# WHAT IS A DEACON?

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Deacons assist the priest in the church in various different ways: read the homily, proclaiming the Gospel, distributing the communion and read announcements.

In the bible, the book of Acts says that deacons are servants serving the priest and it also says that deacons do not oversee the church as that is the role of the elders. They should be blameless and not disruptive or dishonest.

# WHY ARE THEY AT THE CHURCH?

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- It is part of their training to be at the church because they need to know how it feels to lead a mass in church. It is a step from priesthood.



A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, a man in a white clerical shirt is seen from the back, looking down. A priest in white and gold vestments is performing a rite on his head, with hands placed on top. Other clergy members in white and gold vestments are visible in the background. The image is dimly lit and has a dark overlay.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER BEING A DEACON?

After serving at least 1 year at church, Deacons can be ordained into a priest or stay as a permanent Deacon, which can get married or stay single.