Guided by the Holy Spirit and after prayerful consideration, I, _____________________________, a Deacon of the Diocese of Gary, in obedience to the Bishop whose mission I share and in consultation with the people, whose signatures appear below, have agreed to the following terms:

TERMS OF COVENANT

A. PRIMARY SERVICE

Each month I will commit myself to approximately ______ hours of diaconal ministry at _____________________________ in the following manner:

MINISTRY OF LOVE AND JUSTICE (SEE GUIDELINES ON FORMATION, CHAP 35-38) __________ HOURS

1. __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________
4. __________________________________________________________________________

MINISTRY OF WORD (SEE GUIDELINES OF FORMATION CHAP 39-40) __________ HOURS

1. __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________

MINISTRY OF LITURGY (SEE GUIDELINES ON FORMATION CHAP 41-42) __________ HOURS

1. __________________________________________________________________________
2. __________________________________________________________________________
3. __________________________________________________________________________
4. __________________________________________________________________________

Each Deacon will commit ten (10) hours per month to the Ministry of Love and Justice in addition to any Liturgical or Sacramental involvement.
B  DEACON ( COUPLES ) EXPECTATIONS
1. _________________________________________________________________________________

C  PASTOR'S EXPECTATIONS
1. _________________________________________________________________________________

D  CONTINUING FORMATION

It is agreed that the Deacon will pursue his continuing formation as outlined in the Policy and Procedures handbook. Spouses are urged to participate.

E  TERM OF COVENANT

This is a (new/renewed) Covenant for the period of ______ years, which will commence on __________________ and will conclude on __________________

New Deacon covenants are for one (1) year.

1. Renewal Covenants have a duration of two (2) years.
2. New Pastor: Deacon may function under current covenant for up to one year, during which time a new two-year covenant must be agreed to and signed.
3. Termination: After prior consultation with the Diaconate Director-Post Ordination, a notice of termination of this covenant must be given in writing to the appropriate parties no less than sixty (60) days prior to the termination date. Termination may be initiated for cause.

F.  BASIC AGREEMENT

It is expected that Deacons and their wives will familiarize themselves with the contents of the Policies and Procedures Handbook and follow the guidelines and requirements contained in that document.

WE ENTER THIS COVENANT IN GOOD FAITH,

__________________________________________   __________________________________________
Parish                                                                              Supervisor
___________________________________    _____________________________________
Deacon                                                                            Spouse
___________________________________    _____________________________________
Pastor/Administrator                                                       Diaconate Director - Post Ordination
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