

## Appendix 32: Annual Parish Housing Allowance

Date: December 15, 2016

The annual Housing Allowances for parishes are as follows:

A Parishes = \$500.00

Rural Parishes = \$400.00

Each parish provides rectory room and board with the above estimated fair market value based on an established location (the clergy is not allowed to self-determine a place of residence). The pastor is required to reside at the rectory and to be on call for parish emergencies 24 hours per day.

Urban parishes are in the communities of Mandan, Minot, Bismarck, Dickinson, and Williston. All other parishes are considered rural communities.

This communication serves to designate the annual housing allowance in advance of the reporting period (calendar year). Please keep this document with the parish corporate records.

*Note – Currently, parishes do this task on their own and the diocese checks during parish financial reviews. We are surveying all parishes to gather the values they have been using. Part of the reason the diocese wants to take this initiative is that some parishes may be failing to declare the housing allowance properly or timely. The numbers above could change.*