

Appendix 5: Clerical Attire for Permanent Deacons

The proper vesture for assisting at liturgical celebrations is the dalmatic in the color proper to the feast, season or occasion. The dalmatic is worn over the alb and stole.

If there is no dalmatic, the most common vesture is simply an alb with a stole in the appropriate color.

A permanent deacon may not wear clerical attire when simply attending Mass in the pew.

If present for the ordination of permanent deacons it is fitting for the permanent deacon to vest even though he is not exercising his ministry.

If present for the funeral of a permanent deacon, only those exercising their liturgical ministry should be vested.

When doing public ministry, such as parish liturgies, teaching CCD and RCIA, making hospital visits, doing prison ministry, visiting the sick and homebound, the permanent deacon may wear a gray clergy shirt.

A name tag, which introduces one as a deacon, is to be worn with the clergy shirt.

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