



Most Reverend John Joseph Myers
By the Grace of God and the Favor of the Apostolic See
Archbishop of Newark

DECREE

In consultation with the Presbyteral Council, I hereby establish the policy of **Clerical attire for Permanent Deacons**. While the wearing of clerical attire is optional, it is granted in order to facilitate entry into correctional facilities, hospitals and other institutions; to present a clear public sign that a Permanent Deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church; to serve as a witness that may prompt other men to speak to a Permanent Deacon about the diaconate or the Priesthood; to remind the Permanent Deacon of his Christ-centered life in service of the Gospel

Therefore, all Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese are authorized to wear clerical attire when ministering to people in correctional facilities; visiting hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound; attending or presiding at wake services and funeral rites (or an alb and stole may be worn); giving an invocation or addressing a secular group (e.g., Town Council) as a representative of the parish or the Archdiocese of Newark.

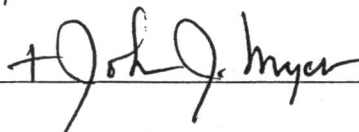
The above ministries are the only times when Permanent Deacons are permitted to wear clerical attire.

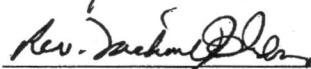
The clerical attire of Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of Newark consists of a black clerical shirt and white clerical collar; black dress pants; black dress suit coat (when appropriate); black dress shoes.

This policy shall remain in effect until such time that they may be amended by the Archbishop of Newark. I also decree that this policy be distributed to all Permanent Deacons, all Pastors and Priests, and communicated to the faithful in the parishes.

Given at the Chancery on April 27, 2019.

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Reverend Michael A. Andreano, KHS
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