



## Clergy Licensing Requirements

Any priest who is canonically resident in good standing in the Diocese of Western Michigan is already licensed and therefore permitted to celebrate the Eucharist and preach on a supply basis.

Priests who are not canonically resident in this diocese must be licensed by the Bishop in order to function sacerdotally. To be licensed, a priest must submit copies of certificates of training in Prevention of Child Sexual Misconduct (Safeguarding God's Children) and also in Prevention of Adult Sexual Misconduct.

Clergy, not currently licensed, who desire to serve in Western Michigan must also undergo a standard Oxford Documents background check. Oxford Document checks and licensing applications can be initiated by contacting Canon Spaid. The cost is \$155 and may be paid for by either the priest or by a congregation that expects to use her or his services regularly. The cost will be billed to you by the diocesan office.

It is the responsibility of the Rector or Vestry to ensure that any priest who is invited to supply in a congregation be appropriately licensed. Clergy who are not sure of the status of their license can contact:

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