

The Erection of Private Chapels and
the Reservation of the Blessed Eucharist
in Parish Rectories

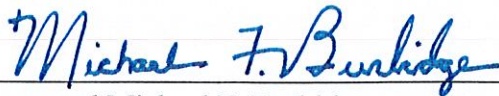
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Policy for the Diocese of Arlington

1. The Bishop of Arlington grants permission for pastors to erect a room or designate a room in the parish rectory or parish residence as a private chapel set aside for divine worship (see can. 1226). The following requirements must be observed:
 - a. The pastor is to submit a notice in writing to the diocesan bishop indicating that a room in the parish rectory is to be erected or designated as a private chapel.
 - b. The room set aside as a private chapel must be reserved exclusively for sacred purposes and kept free from domestic uses.
2. The Bishop of Arlington grants permission for the private celebration of Mass and of other sacred functions in the aforementioned private chapel (see can. 1228).
3. The Bishop of Arlington grants permission for the reservation of the blessed Eucharist in the aforementioned private chapel (see can. 934 §1 no. 2). The following requirements must be observed:
 - a. The pastor is responsible for the blessed Eucharist, and a priest is to celebrate Mass in the chapel at least twice a month (see can. 934 §2).
 - b. The tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is reserved should be sited in a distinguished place in the chapel, a place which is conspicuous, suitably adorned and conducive to prayer (see can. 938 §2).
 - c. The tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is habitually reserved is to be immovable, made of solid and non-transparent material, and so locked as to give the greatest security against any danger of profanation (see can. 938 §3).
 - d. The pastor is to see to it that the key of the tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is reserved is in maximum safe keeping (see can. 938 §5).
 - e. Consecrated hosts are to be kept in a pyx or ciborium, and are to be renewed frequently, the older hosts having been duly consumed (see can. 939).
 - f. A special lamp is to burn continuously before the tabernacle in which the blessed Eucharist is reserved, to indicate and to honour the presence of Christ (see can. 940).

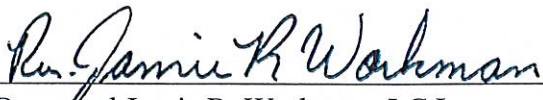
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