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Policy on Moving Expenses for Priests

When a priest is reassigned and must move from one parish to another, these principles should guide the cost of moving.

1. The receiving parish should pay this expense
2. The maximum cost to the parish is \$2,000.

Notes:

1. If the parish cannot afford to defray the priest's costs, the Diocese will supplement the remainder of the maximum allowable amount.
2. If the priest is moving out of active ministry into retirement, the diocese will collaborate with the priest to consider the best moving options.
3. This policy also applies to the case of a Parish Life Coordinator moving into a new assignment.
4. Since the Knights of Columbus have their own liability insurance, they may be asked to volunteer to help the priest move.
5. It is up to priests in transition out of the parish to make sure that all the basics necessary for the household are in place prior to the new priest's arrival.

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