

Ethical Guidelines for Pastors Not Under Call to a Congregation

No ordained minister shall preach or perform any ministerial act (including parish visitation) within the parish of another pastor except at the latter's request or consent. Consent implies clear communication with the duly called pastor prior to any arrangements or commitments.

Request for permission for pastors not under call to the congregation to perform ministerial acts should preferably come from the party or parties to be served, although it may come from the pastor requested to perform the service.

No ordained minister shall visit within the parish or perform ministerial acts at a time of pastoral vacancy without a clearly expressed invitation from the congregational council.