

**NORMS FOR SPEAKERS IN THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE**

Just as a supply priest must have a letter of recommendation from his diocesan bishop or superior before serving in a parish in the Diocese of Cheyenne, speakers or persons serving in a capacity of authority, whether religious or lay, must also be approved by the Bishop of Cheyenne or his designee.

Those in charge of organizing church events or other Catholic sponsored events must seek approval from the Bishop of Cheyenne or his designee, before inviting the speaker(s) or scheduling such event. This would include missions, conferences, retreats, or gatherings of any type, in which the laity are invited to parishes, schools, Knights of Columbus, Council of Catholic Women, etc. This permission is needed whether these events take place in Catholic or non-Catholic facilities, as long as they are being sponsored by a Catholic organization.

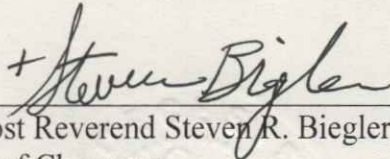
When organizing these events, it is important to be particularly careful not to invite those who have taken clear positions on various issues which would be contrary to Church teaching or doctrine. Such persons should not be invited to represent the Church or undertake those functions which appear to represent the Church or its officials.

A testimonial for suitability, signed by the ordinary or superior, or the designated representative of the ordinary or superior of the speaker, is required for all visiting priests, deacons, members of religious communities, and lay speakers at Church-affiliated, sponsored, or hosted events. The name, parish and/or organization of the individual who invited the speaker, must be included on the form as well as the date, time, and location of the event.

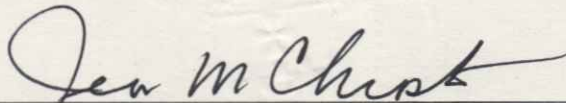
(See Attachments 1-4)

Only upon written approval by the diocesan bishop or his designee, may the speaker then be invited to the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Revised on February 22, 2020, on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.



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