

## **Suspension and Loss of Clerical State**

**Policy No. PD416**

***Policy Statement:*** Suspension may be imposed upon a deacon for very grave reasons, e.g. public crime, scandal, non-conformity with Church teaching.

Furthermore, a deacon may lose faculties through suspension.

For serious reasons, the Apostolic See may issue a “rescript” which permanently removes the deacon from the clerical state.