

PLANS AND INVITATIONS FOR SPEAKERS

The bishop is ultimately responsible for all teaching in the liturgy, in religious education, in Catholic schools and universities, as well as for speakers invited to speak within the diocese. It is proper that the bishop know and approve of persons invited from outside the diocese to make presentations prior to any invitation being extended. Such requests should be made to the vicar general, through the pastor of the parish or the director of the appropriate diocesan office (e.g., directors of religious education, Hispanic or ethnic ministries, Catholic schools). When the diocese is expected to cover expenses for speakers, the appropriate director must be given prior approval for all costs.

(See *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, (Second Vatican Council), where it is stated that among the principal duties of bishops, the preaching of the gospel occupies an eminent place (par.25). So too in the Code of Canon Law (Can. 386, #2 and Can. 805) the bishop is directed to protect the integrity and unity of the faith to be believed.)