



Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls

Speaker Permission Form

Diocesan policy requires that permission be granted by the Office of the Bishop *before* an invitation is extended to speakers who are from outside the diocese or who are not Catholic. The policy applies to:

- any speaker or presentation whose topic addresses matters of faith, spirituality or morals *and*
- any program that will be held in or promoted in parish/diocesan facilities, or

Permission requests can only be made by pastors, appropriate ecclesial authorities of religious communities or their designates, or administrators of recognized Catholic institutions within the diocese (e.g. school, hospital, retreat center, etc.).

Name of Proposed Speaker: _____

Professed Religious Belief: _____ Organizational Affiliation: _____

Topic(s) on which the speaker will be asked to present: _____

Description of the forum at which the speaker would be presenting (e.g. conference, retreat, cont. ed. event, etc.):

Location at which the speaker would be presenting: _____

Date of event speaking/presenting: _____

As applicable, date need answer for contracting purposes: _____

To the best of my ability and from what I have learned through my own inquiry into the individual's suitability, I can attest that this speaker will not espouse positions contrary to the Catholic faith during the envisioned event.

Person Seeking the Permission of the Bishop: _____

Title: _____

Signature of person requesting permission

For lay speakers, must include a copy of the candidate's resume (or C.V.) and a bibliography of his/her published/posted works. These are critical pieces to the review that is done to determine conformity.

For ordained Catholic priests and deacons invited to speak, a current letter attesting to their good standing and authored by the appropriate ecclesial authority, must be submitted on their behalf to the Diocesan Chancery after approval to invite the speaker has been granted and prior to their conducting any public ministry in the diocese.

For Office of the Bishop Use Only

Date Received: _____

Date of Decision: _____

Most Reverend Paul J. Swain, Bishop of Sioux Falls

Permission Granted: _____

Permission Denied: _____