



CANONICAL FACULTIES

Faculties of Parochial Vicars

Diocese of Great Falls-Billings

FACULTIES FOR PAROCHIAL VICARS

1. **The general faculty to assist at marriage within the confines of their territory or jurisdiction and to give a special delegation for a specific marriage.**

Parochial Vicars of territorial parishes (or missions) validly assist at marriages within the confines of their parish territory when at least one of the parties is a subject.

2. **Associates also have the special faculties granted to pastors under numbers 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.**

Canon 548§2 states that the parochial vicar (associate pastor) is to assist the pastor in fulfilling the total parochial ministry and, if circumstances warrant it, to substitute for the pastor in accord with the norm of law. These faculties are to enable him to do so. Canon 548§3 emphasizes the importance of the pastor and associate communicating with one another so that there be no confusion as to who is doing what. It seems that this would be particularly expedient in the case of the exercise of these faculties.