

**Diocese of Virginia**  
**Liturgical Norms for Vocational Deacons**  
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	359	The Prayers of the People May organize, but not to be taken away from the laity
	360	Invitation to Confession Preparation of the Altar
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General Question

Shall deacons be the preferred attendants to Bishops in public worship? Yes