



Parish Rectory Guidelines

A rectory is the official residence provided by a parish community for its pastor, assistant priests and guests, including seminarians and priests in residence.

The design should provide optimum privacy to the clergy members who live in the rectory. Hence, the living area for the clergy must be distinctly separate from those areas where members of the parish or public have access.

There should be a minimum of three suites for clergy: pastor's suite, assistant/associate priest's suite, and a suite for a seminarian or visiting/resident/retired priest.

Each suite should have a bedroom, study and its own bathroom. The bedroom and adjacent study-den (excluding bathroom) should be a total of at least 400 square feet.

There should be a common living room.

In a rectory where access to the kitchen and common living room is on the second floor, a lift or elevator should be provided.

The rectory should not be used as a storage space for the parish. Features such as an exercise room or library are optional.