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**Date:** October 3, 2018  
**To:** All Clergy  
**From:** Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory  
**RE:** Deacon Baptism Authorization

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On several occasions recently questions have been raised regarding the faculty granted to deacons in the Archdiocese of Atlanta in regard to Baptism during Mass.

Some of the specific issues that have come up are:

- Baptism
  - Deacons have the faculty to baptize children up to the age of seven only unless specific permission is granted by the Archbishop and delegation from the Pastor of the parish where the baptism occurs.
  - Deacons are authorized, when invited, to celebrate a Baptism during Mass provided they have the permission of the pastor.

Attached you will find a complete listing of the faculties that have been granted to all deacons with parish assignments in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.