

Titles of Address of Clergy

His Holiness (abbreviation *HH*), spoken address *Your Holiness*, or **Holy Father or Our Most Holy Lord** ("Sanctissimus Dominus Noster") — the **Pope**, and the **Coptic Orthodox Pope**.

His All Holiness (abbreviation *HAH*), spoken address *Your All Holiness* — the **Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople**.

His Holiness (abbreviation *HH*), oral address *Your Holiness* — the **Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Patriarch of Peć and the Serbs, Catholicos of All Armenians, Catholics-Patriarch of All Georgia, Catholicos of the Holy See of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church**, and some other patriarchs.

His Beatitude, oral address *Your Beatitude* — **Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox and Roman Catholic patriarchs, Macedonian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych**. Those under the Pope of Rome who have been elevated to the rank of cardinal may use the traditional title of "His Eminence" like other cardinals or "His Beatitude and Eminence".

His Eminence ("HE", spoken address "Your Eminence") the **First Hierarchy of an autocephalous church; Roman Catholic cardinals** **This title is used for all archbishops in our church. Metropolitans are presiding archbishops.**

His Excellency or The Most Reverend (abbreviation *The Most Rev.*), spoken address *Your Excellency* — **Roman Catholic Archbishops and Bishops** in the U.S.A.; or,

His Grace or The Most Reverend (abbreviation *The Most Rev.*), spoken address *Your Grace* — **Roman Catholic archbishops in Commonwealth countries; and Roman Catholic bishops in Ireland**

His Grace or The Right Reverend (abbreviation *The Rt. Rev.*), spoken address *Your Grace* — **Eastern Orthodox bishops**.

His Lordship or The Right Reverend (abbreviation *The Rt Rev.*), spoken address *My Lord*. **Roman Catholic bishops** in Commonwealth countries.

The Right Reverend Father (abbreviation *The Rt. Rev. Fr.*), spoken address *Father* — **Eastern Orthodox archimandrites**.

The Right Reverend (abbreviation *The Rt. Rev.*), spoken address *Father* or *Father Abbot* — **Roman Catholic abbots**.

The Very Reverend (abbreviation *The Very Rev.* , oral address *Father*) — Catholic vicars general, judicial vicars, judges, rectors of seminaries, vicars forane, episcopal vicars, general superiors of religious orders of priests, provincial superiors, priors of monasteries or friaries. **The title is used in this church for archpriests. The difference is that we use the spoken address of Monsignor.**

The Very Reverend Father (abbreviation *The Very Rev. Fr.*, spoken address *Father*) — Eastern Orthodox archpriests. (See above note.)

The Reverend Monsignor (abbreviation *The Rev. Msgr.*, spoken address *Monsignor*) — Catholic Church protonotaries apostolic, honorary prelates, chaplains of his holiness.

The Reverend Canon (abbreviation *The Rev. Canon*, oral address *Canon*) — Catholic

The Reverend Doctor (abbreviation *The Rev. Dr.*, oral address *Father* or *Doctor*) — priests and other ordained clergy with a Doctorate

The Reverend Father (abbreviation *The Rev. Fr.*, oral address *Father*) — Catholic
This title is used by our church for priests.

The Reverend Mother (abbreviation *The Rev. Mo.*, oral address *Mother*) — Abbesses

The Reverend Mister (abbreviation *The Rev. Mr.*, spoken address *Deacon*) — Catholic transitional deacons, i.e. those preparing for priesthood. Transitional Deacons belonging to religious orders (monastic and non-monastic) are titled Reverend Brother. **All Deacons in this church are called Father Deacon orally. They are addressed as The Reverend Deacon in correspondence.**

Mother (oral address *Mother*) — heads of some female Catholic religious convents and other communities who are not abbesses

Brother (abbreviation *Br.*, oral address *Brother*) — Catholic members of religious orders under vows (both monastic and non-monastic) who are not priests. **This title is used in this church. See the title of a deacon above.**

Sister (abbreviation *Sr.*, oral address *Sister*) - Catholic members of religious orders under vows (both monastic and non-monastic) who are not abbesses. **This title is used in this church.**

All Grandmasters, Deputy Grandmasters, Chancellors and those in our religious orders who have a title of nobility from an approved sovereign house may be addressed as Your Excellency unless they are dukes. Dukes must be addressed as Your Grace, Duke ___.