

Deacon Russ Nelson is from Brisbane, Queensland has just been appointed to the Australian Council for Clergy, Life and Ministry for 3 years commencing January 2014. This Council reports to the Bishops' Commission for Church Ministry which in turn reports to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Russ was ordained in July 2007 at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kenmore in the western suburbs of Brisbane and continues to minister there. He is currently the representative of the Queensland Bishops on the Queensland State Committee.

For many years Russ has been heavily involved in the Parents and Friends movement in Catholic schools and is also involved in prison ministry in helping the families of prisoners. Recently he has been assisting with refugees in finding places to enjoy good recreation at minimal cost.



At the end of 2012 he completed a long period of employment in the Queensland Government in the field of Human Resources and Information Technology. He has a number of degrees in Human Resources and Business and has a Master of Ministry from the Brisbane College of Theology. He has just commenced studying to gain a Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Care of Human Mobility, as an external student from Scalabrini International Migration Institute Faculty of Theology, of the Pontifical Urbanian University.

Russ is married to Jan and they have four adult children. Russ and Jan in their spare time enjoy bushwalking.