



Chancery Lay Employees *Dress Code Guidelines*

Every employee has a direct impact on the image of our Archdiocese. One of the key aspects of our image is personal appearance. First impressions are very significant in our relationships with others both inside and outside the Archdiocese and good grooming and dress are very important. We have developed the following dress code for the Chancery to provide general guidelines as to what is considered appropriate for our workplace.

Business Casual

The normal attire for the Chancery will be “business casual”. Appropriate attire includes the following:

MEN

- Sports coats or blazers (optional)
- Ties (optional)
- Slacks, dockers, chinos
- Polo shirts
- Shirts with collars – long sleeve or short sleeve
- Dress shirts with banded collars – long sleeve or short sleeve
- Turtle neck shirts
- Dress shoes or loafers (must wear socks)
- Sweaters or cardigans

WOMEN

- Sports coats or blazers (optional)
- Slacks, dockers, chinos
- Dresses or skirts (no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee)
- Blouses, tops, shells that are not low cut or revealing
- Polo shirts
- Turtle neck shirts
- Ladies shoes or loafers (socks optional), flats or sandals
- Sweaters or cardigans
- Capris (must be mid-calf or lower)

The following clothing items are NOT appropriate:

- Jeans of any color
- Denim shirts/tops
- Sweat shirts or jogging suits
- T-shirts
- Skirts, dresses shorter than three (3) inches above the knee, skorts, culottes, or split skirts
- Low cut or revealing blouses, tops, shells
- Shorts
- Lycra-spandex tops or bottoms (*unless worn under a length appropriate top/dress as described above*)
- Tank tops, bare midriff, halter tops
- Tennis shoes or hiking boots
- Flip flops
- Hats

As with any guidelines, these examples cannot be all inclusive as to what may or may not be appropriate. Err on the side of conservative dress if in doubt. In any event, good judgment should be exercised.

Note: Departments requiring more casual attire for special projects (e.g. moving, maintenance, cleaning, packing, etc.) where work clothes are necessary must obtain the authorization of their department head.

Other occasions may call for more professional business attire such as a business suit with tie, professional looking dresses or dress slacks. Seek guidance from your department head or contact Human Resources in this regard.