

ECCLESIASTICAL STYLES AND TITLES OF ADDRESS WITHIN THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

How to Address the Primate of the Union of Utrecht

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Your Grace, or Dear Archbishop or My Lord Archbishop</i>
<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Respectfully yours</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>His Grace, The Most Rev Joris Vercammen, S.T.D., D.D.</i>
<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Your Grace (formal), My Lord Archbishop, or Archbishop (Informal)</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Archbishop of Utrecht</i>
<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Archbishop Dr. Joris Vercammen and Mrs. Vercammen</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Archbishop of Utrecht</i>
<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>The Archbishop of the Utrecht</i>
<i>Place card</i>	<i>The Archbishop of Utrecht</i>
<i>Signature</i>	<i>Archbishop Vercammen usually signs his full name, or simply Utrecht.</i>

How to Address the Primate of the Old Catholic Confederation

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Your Grace, or Dear Archbishop or My Lord Archbishop</i>
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<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Respectfully yours</i>
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<i>Envelope</i>	<i>His Grace, The Most Rev Craig J. N. de Paulo, Ph.D., D.D.</i>
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<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Your Grace (formal), My Lord Archbishop, or Archbishop (Informal)</i>
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<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Primate of the Old Catholic Confederation and Archbishop of the United States</i>
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<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Archbishop Dr. Craig J. N. de Paulo and Mrs. de Paulo</i>
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<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Primate of the Old Catholic Confederation and Archbishop of the United States</i>
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<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>The Primate and Archbishop of the United States</i>
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<i>Place card</i>	<i>The Primate of the Old Catholic Confederation and Archbishop of the United States</i>
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<i>Signature</i>	<i>Archbishop de Paulo signs his full name.</i>
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How to Address a Bishop¹

In the Old Catholic Church, all bishops are addressed in this way:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Excellency (formal), My Lord Bishop, or Dear Bishop (Informal)</i>
<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Respectfully yours,</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>His Excellency, The Rt Rev John Smith</i>
<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Your Excellency (Formal), My Lord Bishop, Bishop (Informal)</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>His Excellency, The Rt Rev John Smith</i>
<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Rt Rev John and Mrs Smith</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Bishop of (See)</i>
<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>The Rt Rev John Smith</i>
<i>Place card</i>	<i>His Excellency, The Rt Rev John Smith</i>

Canon

A Canon is either residentiary, with duties in his Cathedral, or honorary. The latter role is usually given to incumbents with a record of honourable service in the diocese. A Minor Canon is a cleric attached to a Cathedral or Collegiate Church to assist the daily services. In the Old Catholic Confederation, there are Canons of a particular Cathedral and Canons to the Primate, which is the highest honor conferred upon a priest.

How to Address a Canon²

¹ Metropolitan Archbishops of other National Sees (e.g. Venezuela) and Titular Archbishops are addressed "Your Grace" and use the style "The Most Rev." in the same way as other archbishops.

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Reverend and dear Canon (or Dear Canon Smith)</i>
<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Yours sincerely</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>The Rev Canon John Smith (degree), or The Rev. Canon Dr. John Smith (if holds a doctorate)</i>
<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Canon (or Canon Smith)</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Rev Canon John Smith</i>
<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Rev Canon John and Mrs Smith</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Canon (or Canon Smith)</i>
<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>Canon John Smith</i>
<i>Place card</i>	<i>Canon John Smith (degree)</i>

² Some Canons also have the style of “The Very Rev. Canon” if the priest holds some other position such as Dean of the Cathedral, or Dean of the Seminary, Chancellor, etc., or if he were granted the style by the conferring bishop, or in the case of a Canon to the Primate.

Dean

A Dean is the incumbent of a Cathedral or Collegiate Church. There is a territorial Dean, a priest who oversees several parishes in a locality, appointed by the local bishop.

How to Address a Dean

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Reverend and dear Dean (or Dear Dean)</i>
<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Yours sincerely</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>The Very Rev Dean of Philadelphia</i>
<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Dean (or Dean)</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Dean of Philadelphia</i>
<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Dean of Philadelphia and Mrs Smith</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Dean</i>
<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>The Dean of Philadelphia</i>
<i>Place card</i>	<i>The Dean of Philadelphia</i>

Priest

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>Reverend and dear Father, or Dear Father/Rector/Vicar (or Reverend Dr. if the priest holds a doctorate).</i>
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<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Yours sincerely</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>The Reverend John Smith (degree), or The Rev. Dr. John Smith (if holds a doctorate)</i>
<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Rector/Vicar</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Reverend John Smith (degree)</i>
<i>Joint invitation**</i>	<i>The Reverend John and Mrs Smith</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>Father, The Rector/Vicar</i>
<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>The Reverend John Smith</i>
<i>Place card</i>	<i>The Reverend John Smith</i>

Archdeacon

In the Old Catholic Church, an Archdeacon is a senior deacon whose duty it is to supervise his brother deacons, and to administer part of a diocese, hence his territorial designation. As well as his pastoral duties he is usually in charge of the fabric of parish churches and their contents.

How to Address an Archdeacon

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Dear Archdeacon (or Dear Mr Archdeacon)</i>
<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Yours sincerely</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>The Ven Archdeacon of Philadelphia</i>

<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Archdeacon</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Archdeacon of Philadelphia</i>
<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Archdeacon of Philadelphia and Mrs Smith</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Archdeacon</i>
<i>List of Directors or Patrons</i>	<i>The Archdeacon of Exeter</i>
<i>Place card</i>	<i>The Archdeacon of Philadelphia</i>

How to Address a Deacon

The recommended (social) style of address is as follows:

<i>Beginning of letter</i>	<i>Reverend and dear Deacon</i>
<i>End of letter</i>	<i>Yours sincerely</i>
<i>Envelope</i>	<i>The Deacon of Philadelphia, The Rev Deacon</i>
<i>Verbal address</i>	<i>Deacon</i>
<i>Invitation</i>	<i>The Deacon of Philadelphia</i>
<i>Joint invitation*</i>	<i>The Deacon and Mrs Smith</i>
<i>Description in conversation</i>	<i>The Deacon</i>

