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n. pl. vicars forane

Roman Catholic Church

A priest who by a bishop's appointment exercises limited jurisdiction over the clergy in a district of a diocese.

[[VICAR](#) + Late Latin *forāneus*, living away, foreign; see [FOREIGN](#).]

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