

# ORDINATION PATH: PRIEST



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## Aspirant



- Talk to trusted people about your growing desire to be a priest
- Speak to your priest about a desire to be ordained
- Aspirant and Sponsoring Clergy attend Day of Discernment

## Discerner



- Write Sense of Call Statement
- Write Spiritual Autobiography
- Regional Discernment Group
- Vestry/Mission Committee Nominate Aspirant for Postulancy

## Nominee



- Submit Paperwork to Bishop
  - Psychological Evaluation
  - Medical Exams
  - Background Check
  - Letters of Recommendation
  - Holy Orders Application
- Meet with Bishop
- Discernment Weekend with Commission on Ministry (CoM)

## Postulant



- Start CoM Formation Plan
- CoM Liaison Assigned  
connect with 1x month, Postulant must initiate
- Apply to Seminary/Training  
with Bishop's Approval
- Field Education/  
Clinical Pastoral Education
- Write Ember Letters
- CoM & Standing Committee (SC) Interviews

## Candidate



- Complete Formation Plan
- Continue CoM Liaison Contact
- Interview with CoM & SC
- 6 months minimum
- Plan Diaconate Ordination

## Deacon



- Meet with Bishop to Determine Transitional Diaconate Placement
- Serve as Transitional Deacon
- Meet with Assigned Priest Mentor
- Create Portfolio & OTM Profile
- Interview with CoM & SC
- 6 months minimum

## Priest



- Plan Priestly Ordination
- God willing and People consenting, Ordination to the Priesthood

ORDINATION PROCESS OVERVIEW: SEE MANUAL & GUIDE FOR ORDINATION FOR DETAILS

# ORDINATION PATH: DEACON



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## Aspirant



- Talk to trusted people about your growing desire to be a deacon
- Speak to your priest about a desire to be ordained
- Aspirant and Sponsoring Clergy attend Day of Discernment

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