



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR HOLY ORDERS

Name: _____ Deacon Priest

Religious History

1. Baptism (Church & City): _____ Date: _____
2. Confirmation by Bishop (Name): _____
Diocese: _____ Date: _____
3. Sponsoring Parish/Mission: _____
4. How long have you been a member of this congregation? _____ Years _____ Months
5. Have you ever applied for Holy Orders in this or any other Church? Yes No
 - a. If so, when? _____ Where? _____
 - b. What was the result of that application? _____
6. Length of time resident in this Diocese? _____ Years _____ Months
7. Please describe the circumstances under which you joined the Episcopal Church and any previous religious affiliations you have had. When did you begin attending the Episcopal Church? (Give date.)

Education/Work/Social

1. High School attended: (Name): _____ (Place): _____
2. Currently enrolled in an educational institution?
 - a. Yes, full time Yes, part time No
3. Colleges or Universities attended (include current one):

| Name | From/ To | Degree | Major |
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4. List principal extra-curricular activities and academic honors received and indicate whether in high

school, college, or both.

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5. Do you have any learning disabilities? If yes, please describe. No Disabilities

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6. Please attach a work resume and transcripts of all post high school academic work, including a description of any educational pursuits that may not appear on your transcript(s).

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7. Estimate how many hours per week you use as "free time" (recreation, relaxation, etc.) and indicate how they are spent.

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8. List any civic or social clubs and organizations to which you belong:

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Family/Social Support

1. Marital status: Single Married/Partnered Divorced Separated Widowed

2. Number of marriages: _____ Date of present marriage: _____ Not Applicable

3. Spouse/partner and children or step-children: Not Applicable

| Name | Age | Relationship to you |
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4. With whom do you live at present? (Name, age and relationship of all persons living with you.)

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5. Prior marriages (please list all marriages): Not Applicable

| Name of Former Spouse | Date of Marriage | Date of Termination |
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6. Describe your spouse's/partner's principal vocational pursuit. _____
7. Marital status of parents: Married Divorced Separated
8. If parents are deceased, give date of their death: Not Applicable
 Father deceased on: _____ Mother deceased on: _____
9. If parental marriage was broken by separation, divorce or death, give your age at the time: _____ N/A
10. If remarriage on the part of either or both parents, give your age at the time. _____ N/A
11. Date of Mother's remarriage: _____ Date of Father's remarriage: _____
12. Please provide the following information for your parents and siblings:

| Name | Age | Religious Affiliation | Level of Education | Occupation | Location |
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13. Give a brief account of the feelings of your nearest relatives about your intent to enter the ordained ministry.

14. Briefly describe your childhood.

15. Describe your relationship with your father.

16. Describe your relationship with your mother.

17. Were you raised by your parents? Yes No
 If not, by whom were you raised? _____

18. Is there any family history of physical/emotional abuse, alcohol or drug abuse, emotional/behavioral problems? Please describe.

19. Describe your current social support system indicating who are the most important people in your life.

Financial

1. Please discuss your plans for financing your theological education and for supporting yourself and any dependents during your period of study.

2. Do you have any large debts? Yes No Please describe.

Legal History

1. Have you ever been convicted of any crime? Yes No
2. Have you ever been found to have sexually assaulted or exploited a minor in a dependency action, a domestic relations proceeding, a disciplinary board final action or any other proceedings?
Yes No
3. Do you have any legal matters pending at this time? Yes No
4. If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please provide details.

Health

1. Please describe your current physical and mental health.
2. List any current medications (other than over the counter) you are taking or have taken in the last year.
3. Do you have any physical handicaps? Yes No
4. Have you ever been treated for a serious illness or injury? Yes No

5. Have you ever been treated or counseled for mental illness or emotional disturbance? Yes No
6. Are you presently undergoing therapy or counseling? Yes No
7. Have you ever received treatment for drug or alcohol abuse? Yes No
8. If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please describe here:

Ministry

Please attach separate documents to address each of the following areas.

1. **Experiences in Ministry** - Briefly (not more than two pages for each question) answer the following questions:
 - a. Describe your current and past ministries in the Church and community. Include a description of your role in each ministry, length of involvement, and any particular contributions you made.
 - b. What ministries have you been most excited and enthusiastic about?
 - c. How have the ministries you have been involved with, in the church and community, shaped and influenced you?
2. **Writing Sample.** Please submit two samples of your best and most recent academic writing. If you do not have something that satisfies this requirement, please contact the Chair of the Commission on Ministry for an alternative writing assignment.
3. **Spiritual Autobiography--** Please write no more than five pages. Share the story of your personal faith journey and how your experience with and understanding of God has developed and changed over the course of your life. Where did you come from and how did you get to where you are today in your faith? Tell us about any challenges you have faced (spiritual or circumstantial) during your faith journey. Have you experienced any times of spiritual growth or important turning points? How have others in your life contributed to your understanding of God?
4. **Sense of Call Statement--** please write no more than three pages.
 - **For those applying for the Diaconate:** Describe your call to the diaconate. Articulate why you feel called to be ordained a deacon. How did you become aware of your call? What affirmations have you had? What doubts have you had? How do you envision living out the ministry of a deacon? How is ordained ministry similar to and distinct from the ministry of all God's people?
 - **For those applying for the Priesthood:** Describe your call to the priesthood. Articulate why you feel called to be ordained to the priesthood. How did you become aware of your call? What affirmations have you had? What doubts have you had? How do you envision living out the ministry of a priest? How is ordained ministry similar to and distinct from the ministry of all God's people.