



COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

FORM E: APPLICATION FOR DISCERNMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Date of Application _____

Full Name (Including original or initial) _____

Clergy Order that Applicant is Seeking _____ Vocational Deacon; _____ Priest

Have you previously applied for admission as a nominee for Holy Orders? _____ Y or _____ N

If so, when/where _____

and to whom _____

Applicant's Address _____

Email _____

Cell Telephone _____

Home Telephone _____

Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth _____

Marital Status _____ Ever Divorced? _____ Number or Marriages

Spouse's Name _____

Spouse's Telephone _____

Name(s) and Age(s) of Child(ren) _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Sponsoring Congregation _____

City, State _____

Rector/Sponsoring Priest _____

Rector/Sponsoring Priest Cell Telephone _____

Rector/Sponsoring Priest Office Telephone _____

Rector/Sponsoring Priest Email _____

Have you been a confirmed member in good standing at a congregation within the Episcopal Church in Delaware? _____ Y or _____ N



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BAPTISM *(Please provide documentation if you haven't already.)*

Date _____

Name of Church _____

City, State _____

Denomination _____

Officiant's Name _____

CONFIRMATION *(Please provide documentation if you haven't already.)*

Date _____

Name of Church _____

City, State _____

Denomination _____

Officiant's Name _____

EDUCATION

	Name of School	Location	Major / Degree	Dates you Attended
High School				
College*				
Business or Trade School*				
Seminary &/or Post-Graduate Work*				

* Please request official transcripts to be sent to the Episcopal Church in Delaware at the address shown at the end of this form.



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WORK EXPERIENCE *(List the last two paid positions you have held or the two most relevant to ministry.)*

Employer _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Dates Employed _____

Describe the job you held and the duties you performed.

Employer _____

Address _____

Supervisor's Name _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Dates Employed _____

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REFERENCES *(Please provide three references – not your rector or vicar – who can speak to your character.)*

Name _____
Relationship _____
Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____
Telephone (Work) _____
Telephone (Cell) _____
Email _____

Name _____
Relationship _____
Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____
Telephone (Work) _____
Telephone (Cell) _____
Email _____

Name _____
Relationship _____
Address _____

Telephone (Home) _____
Telephone (Work) _____
Telephone (Cell) _____
Email _____



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Short Essays (Please Review)

Please provide typed responses for each of the subjects below. Each essay should be no less or more than five pages, single-spaced, and in 12-point font. Label each essay with the essay's title and your name.

I. Autobiography

Your autobiography should cover the most important aspects of your spiritual, emotional, and professional development and resulting self-awareness. While this essay gives you great latitude, it should include the following elements: the facts of your life that inform your calling to ordained ministry, the circumstances around you becoming a Christian, consideration of times of growth and change (including, if applicable, details of any counseling you have undertaken), any experience you have had participating in religions other than Christianity, and an honest discussion of your strengths and weaknesses.

II. Marriage (if applicable)

If you are married, you and your spouse write an essay together on your understanding of marriage and how that understanding is reflected in your current relationship. The statement should include a frank evaluation of the anticipated impact of ordained ministry on your relationship. If you are divorced, include information on the circumstances of your marriage, divorce, ecclesiastical judgment, and remarriage (if any). You should also include a statement on what you have learned from the experience of your divorce.

III. Livelihood and Occupational History

Describe your current job or other working situation, including a description of your economic base. You need not give income figures, but do mention how you support yourself and your family. List in reverse chronological order all the jobs you have held since college or in the last ten years (whichever is less), your duties on these jobs with particular attention to leadership roles, and your reasons for taking and leaving them. Please note that a resume does not adequately fulfill this requirement.

IV. Parish Ministry

Describe your current involvement in ministry at your parish. Describe other ministries in which you have been involved, both within a parish setting and otherwise, over the last ten years or since graduation from high school, whichever is less. With each description, note particular leadership roles you've had, key lessons learned in ministry, and what you took away from times of conflict.



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v. Vocational Identity

Summarize your understanding of the diaconate and/or priesthood, noting the differences between them, and your reasons for feeling called to the particular order sought.

vi. Prospects for Theological Education

The COM has found that many nominees for Holy Orders have made some tentative plans for theological education or have already begun or even completed the same before applying for the ordination process. Applicants should understand that the bishop's approval of their educational course is required if they do become a postulant. If you have already completed a seminary program, do note that you will be asked to complete additional formation in the Anglican tradition if you haven't already. Applicants who have not done any other graduate study should understand that seminary is indeed graduate-level work.

In light of these facts please describe any theological education you may have had, your thoughts about it if you have not had any yet, and your assessment of your capacity for serious, graduate study. Also, importantly, describe the way you plan to pay for this education.

Short Responses *(each response should be no more than five paragraphs)*

- I. What does it mean to find salvation in Jesus Christ?
- II. What does it mean to be under authority?
- III. What is the Gospel?
- IV. How do you share your faith?
- V. What is your rule of life?
- VI. Define stewardship and describe how you meet this definition.



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Submitted by:

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

Date

Approved by:

Signature of Rector/Sponsoring Priest

Printed Name of Rector/Sponsoring Priest

Date