



COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

FORM C: RECTOR/SPONSORING PRIEST RECOMMENDATION OF NOMINEE

As the rector/sponsoring priest or vicar most familiar with the individual requesting discernment for Holy Orders, your input is vital. The Commission on Ministry (COM) recognizes that the recommendation we request of you is detailed and time-consuming. The COM appreciates your willingness to meet our request, confident that your efforts will yield fruit in the individual's discernment.

Your recommendation is confidential to the COM and the bishop's office. Consequently, please be direct in your comments and observations. As always, the COM is available to answer any questions you might have in the preparation of this recommendation.

Please title your recommendation document using "FORM C" and the nominee's name.

RECOMMENDATION OUTLINE

Please tell us how long you've known the nominee, and the nature of your relationship with him/her/them (parishioner, employee, etc.). In addition to any other comments you would like to add, please comment on the following questions, which are also the questions asked of your vestry:

1. Does this person strike you as one who is grounded and growing in the Christian faith? In what ways has he/she/they exhibited spiritual depth?
2. What is this person's understanding of Christian ministry? Do you sense a vocation to Holy Orders or a vocation that can be fulfilled as a member of the laity?
3. What qualities about this person's sense of vocation lead you to believe he/she/they is called to the priesthood and/or diaconate?
4. Describe this person's capacity for leadership. How has this person displayed his/her/their leadership in the past, and in the parish and/or diocese? What are the aspirant's strengths and weaknesses in your judgment?
5. How would you characterize this person's sense of the Christian life and habits of prayer?
6. Is this person capable of healthy ministry and leadership? Do you know of any notable concerns or reservations expressed by a member of your congregation?
7. What standards/boundaries has this person generally established to guide ethical behavior? Regarding money and stewardship? Regarding substance abuse or sexual behavior?