



COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

FORM R: VESTRY ENDORSEMENT FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*To the Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, Bishop and
Commission on Ministry and
the Standing Committee of
the Episcopal Church in Delaware*

Date _____

We, whose names are hereunder written as duly elected members of the vestry of (*print name of congregation*) _____, do certify and believe that (*print name of deacon*) *the Reverend* _____, since the _____ day of _____ in the year _____, being the date of his/her/their ordination to the Diaconate, hath lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and hath not written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine, discipline, or worship of this Church, and we think he/she/they is a person worthy to be admitted to the **SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS**.

VESTRY SIGNATURES

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(Must be signed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the vestry.)



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ATTESTATION OF THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the vestry of (*print name of congregation*) _____, duly convened in the city of (*cityname*) _____ on (*date*) _____

and that the signatures shown are those of a two-thirds majority of the members of the vestry.

Signed _____
(*clerk of the vestry*)

I HEREBY certify that I am personally acquainted with (*print name of deacon*) _____ and that I believe him/her/them to be well qualified to be made Office of Priest, to the glory of God and the edification of the Church.

Signed _____
(*Rector/Sponsoring Priest of the congregation to which the deacon belongs*)

Note: Should the congregation be without a Rector/Sponsoring Priest, it shall suffice that in his/her/their place the certificate from the vestry be signed by some presbyter of the diocese (sponsoring priest) in good standing to whom the postulant is personally known, the reason for the substitution being stated in the attesting clause.

Completed original forms should be submitted to:

The Episcopal Church in Delaware
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Wilmington, DE 19803
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