



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

Reconciling All Things in Christ

Clergy and Vestry Letter of Support for Ordination to the Priesthood

TO: The Bishop, Commission on Ministry, and Standing Committee of The Diocese of East Tennessee

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Parish)

(Date)

We, the undersigned, certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that the Reverend (name) \_\_\_\_\_, since the \_\_\_\_\_ day of (month) \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_, being the date of ordination to the Diaconate (or for at least three years), has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and has not written, taught, or held anything contrary to the Doctrine, Discipline, or Worship of this Church.

And moreover, we think that the Reverend (name) \_\_\_\_\_ a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests.

This judgment is based on our personal knowledge.

Rector \_\_\_\_\_

Two columns of horizontal lines for signatures.

Attestation of Clerk or Recording Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the vestry of (name of parish) \_\_\_\_\_ in (city) \_\_\_\_\_, (state) \_\_\_\_\_, duly convened at (time) \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of (month) \_\_\_\_\_, (year) \_\_\_\_\_, and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of the vestry.

(Clerk/Secretary of the Vestry)

(Date signed by Clerk/Secretary)