



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

Reconciling All Things in Christ

Clergy Sponsor Referral Form

Information

Date of Application: _____/_____/_____

Date of Meeting with Bishop: _____/_____/_____

Full Name of Seeker: _____

Present Parish: _____

Seeker's Confirmation Date/Length of Time Confirmed: _____

Communicant in good standing? Yes No

Length of time you have known seeker: _____

Date of discernment day attended/planning to attend: _____

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Questions

On an attached sheet, please respond to the questions below, noting the question by number:

1. In what way(s) and for how long have you associated with the Seeker?
2. When did you first meet together for the purpose of discussing the Seeker's sense of call to Holy Orders? Outline your meetings/discussions with the Seeker concerning this call. Did you recruit this person for Holy Orders, or did they first approach you? Give your perception of the Seeker's reasons for seeking Holy Orders.
3. Give the Seeker's past and present involvement in the Church. How has the Seeker demonstrated commitment to public and private worship, leadership ability, desire for learning, spiritual development, and willingness to grow and change?
4. What strengths, weaknesses, and growing edges do you identify in this Seeker?
5. Does the Seeker (and spouse/partner) understand that a background check will be required?
6. Does the Seeker understand that if the Bishop recommends that they continue in this process, the Seeker will be required to undergo physical and psychological examinations by a physician and psychological professional selected by the Bishop's office?
7. If the Seeker is married, partnered, or engaged, in your opinion, how supportive is the spouse or partner? How well do they fully understand the education requirements, the potential for changes in home and parish affiliation, the financial considerations, and the potential for lifestyle changes? Do they understand the possible stresses that a family may face?
8. How confident are you that this Seeker possesses the education, stability, gifts, and experience needed to undertake seminary life/further formation for Holy Orders?
9. How confident are you that your parish can (1) contribute financially to the Seeker's formation in the form of a minimum of \$100 per month and (2) involve itself in the Seeker's preparation for Holy Orders? (Title III, Canon 6, Sec. 2(a) and Title III, Canon 8, Sec. 2(a))
10. Do you recommend that we proceed to consider this Seeker's application for postulancy at this time?

Application

Clergy Sponsor's Signature & Date

Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ / _____ / _____