



Episcopal Diocese
— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

NOMINATION & APPLICATION FORM
FOR ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Please attach a current
photo with this
application.

NOMINATION BY CONGREGATION OR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

DATE: _____

_____ in _____
(Congregation or Community of Faith) (City and State)

hereby nominate the following member of our congregation (or faith community) for ordination to the Diaconate in the Episcopal Church in Central Florida.

Title III. Canon 6.2(a) requires this [Letter of Support](#) must be signed by at least 2/3rds of the Vestry [or comparable body] and the Rector/Vicar [or comparable leader] committing the church or community to supporting the nominee in the preparation for ordination. The signed document may be emailed to Discernment@cfdiocese.org, or mailed to the Diocesan Office:

*Attention: Diocesan Discernment Team
1017 E. Robinson St.
Orlando, FL 32801*

In addition to this letter of support, The Rector/Vicar must write a letter to the Bishop. See last page for details.

Full Name of Nominee: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Present Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Phone Numbers (include area code): Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Home Address (if different from above): _____

Birth date: _____ Gender: Female Male

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION BY NOMINEE

I hereby accept this nomination.

Signature of Nominee

Date

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Baptism *(Attach evidence of Baptism)*

I was baptized in: _____
CHURCH AND LOCATION

on: _____ by: The Rev. _____
DATE CLERGY PERSON

Confirmation *(Attach evidence of confirmation)*

I was confirmed at: _____
CHURCH AND LOCATION

on: _____ by The Rt. Rev. _____
DATE BISHOP

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

I am currently enrolled in an educational institution. Yes No Part-time

Name of Institution: _____

Graduate of: _____
HIGH SCHOOL CITY, STATE DATE

Give the following information on each college or university attended, including present course of study if currently enrolled *

NAME	YRS. ENROLLED FROM/TO	MAJOR SUBJECT	DEGREE ATTAINED	AVERAGE LETTER GRADE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

****Include satisfactory evidence that you are a holder of an accredited Baccalaureate Degree, or what you consider as an equivalent.***

****Arrange for an official transcript(s) to be sent to the Diocesan Office (Attention: Diocesan Discernment Team) by the relevant institutions of higher learning.***

WORK HISTORY

Currently employed by _____

Full time Part time Not Employed

Please list the positions you have held in your lifetime with the starting and ending date of employment.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Starting Date</i>	<i>Ending Date</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

HOLY ORDERS

I have have not applied for admission as a postulant or candidate for Holy Orders in this or any other diocese. (If you have, give details)

I have have not been ordained in another church/communion. (If you have, give details)

I have have not been under ecclesiastical discipline. (If you have, give details)

FAMILY HISTORY

Present marital status: Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Number of marriages: Never Married One Two Three

Spouse's Name: _____ Length of present marriage: _____

Former Spouse: _____ Length of that marriage: _____

Former Spouse: _____ Length of that marriage: _____

Are there additional marriages? _____ How many? _____

Have your spouse briefly describe his/her feelings regarding your application to enter the ordained ministry:

Please List Children:	Date of Birth	Sex	Living with You Y/N
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Have you ever been charged, arrested, or convicted for any crimes or misdemeanors?

Yes No

If yes, please explain (use additional sheets if necessary):

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Journey in Faith

Describe, briefly, your journey in faith.

- a) What role did the church play in your growing up?
- b) Describe your conversion experience, if any.
- c) Do you have a Spiritual Director? (Not required)
- d) What is your current spiritual discipline (rule of life)?
- e) What change(s) has your faith brought about in your life?

MINISTRY

How have you been active in ministry in the parish, diocese, and community?

CANONS

All aspirants for ordination to the diaconate are expected to be familiar with the content of the Constitution & Canons of The Episcopal Church (<https://generalconvention.org/constitution-and-canons>) and the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Central Florida (<https://tinyurl.com/DCFCanons>) particularly the following:

- [Canon III.6 of the Episcopal Church: Of the Ordination of Deacons](#)
- [Canon III.7 of the Episcopal Church: Of the Life and Work of Deacons](#)
- [Canon IV.3 of the Episcopal Church: Of Accountability](#)
- [Canon IV.4 of the Episcopal Church: Of Standards of Conduct](#)
- [Diocesan Canon XVI: Ordained Ministers](#)

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand Canons III.6, III.7, IV.3 and IV.4 of the Episcopal Church and Canon XVI of the Diocese of Central Florida.

Signature

Date

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

If you are ordained as deacon you will promise: “I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation.” **What does this promise mean to you and how does it inform your ministry?**

In your baptism you promised to “accept Jesus Christ as your savior,” to “trust in his grace and love” and to “follow and obey him as your Lord.” If you are ordained you will promise: “I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.” **How do you understand these two promises in relationship to one another?**

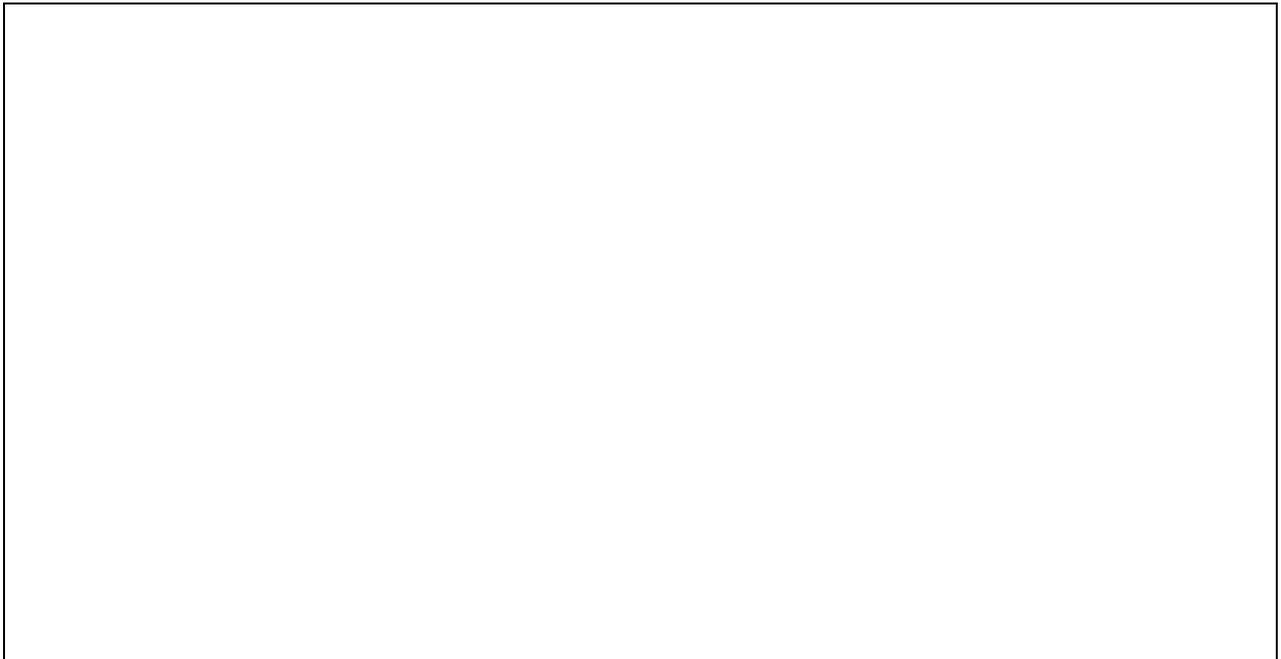
In the Service of Baptism and Confirmation the celebrant and people say this exchange “There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God’s call to us; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.” **How does this help you to understand salvation in Jesus Christ?**

If you are ordained as deacon you will commit yourself to “proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts.” **How does such a commitment inform your leadership?**

Explain to an “inquiring friend” the good news of God in Christ.



I seek ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons because:



STATEMENT OF THE APPLICANT: (Please read carefully before signing.)

All information submitted by me in this Nomination and Application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any significant misstatement in, or omission from, this form may be cause for denial of acceptance for postulancy or cause for dismissal from Postulancy, Candidacy or the ministry.

I understand and agree that I will notify the Commission on Ministry of any changes in the status of my licensure, censure, or sanction by professional bodies and of any other information relating to my ability to act as a member of the ordained clergy.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Please use this link to print and have your Rector/Priest-in-Charge/Vicar and Vestry complete. It can be scanned and emailed to Discernment@cfdiocese.org or can be mailed to:

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[Rector and Vestry Nomination for Discernment Process for Deacon](#)

This application is not complete until applicant's Rector/Vicar/Priest-in-Charge submits a letter of support directly to Bishop Holcomb at JHolcomb@cfdioocese.org.

Rector/Vicar/Priest-in-Charge please submit a letter of support for the applicant pursuing **Ordination to the Diaconate, Licensed Lay Ministry, or Ordination to the Priesthood**. Please address the following topics in your letter:

- Faith
- Leadership
- Emotional and Spiritual Maturity
- Ministry Competencies
- Passion for the Gospel
- Wholesome Example in Life

If you have any questions, please contact the Diocesan Discernment Team at Discernment@cfdioocese.org.