



Episcopal Diocese  
— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —

NOMINATION & APPLICATION FORM  
FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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 Priesthood in the Episcopal Church in Central Florida.

*Title III. Canon 8 Sec. 2(a)(b) 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](mailto: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<br>FROM/TO | MAJOR<br>SUBJECT | DEGREE<br>ATTAINED | AVERAGE<br>LETTER GRADE |
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***\*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> |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
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## 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)

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## 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 priesthood 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.8 of the Episcopal Church: Of the Ordination of Priests](#)
- [Canon III.9 of the Episcopal Church: Of the Life and Work of Priests](#)
- [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.8, III.9, IV.3 and IV.4 of the Episcopal Church and Canon XVI of the Diocese of Central Florida.

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Signature

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Date

## THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

If you are ordained as deacon and priest 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 and priest 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 Priests 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.

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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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](mailto:Discernment@cfdiocese.org) or can be mailed to:

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

**This application is not complete until the applicant's Rector/Vicar/Priest-in-Charge submits a letter of support directly to Bishop Holcomb at [JHolcomb@cfdiocese.org](mailto:JHolcomb@cfdiocese.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@cfdiocese.org](mailto:Discernment@cfdiocese.org).