



ORDINATION EXPLORATION PROCESS APPLICATION

Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia

_____ I wish to explore ordination to the permanent diaconate.

If you use additional sheets to answer any items, list question first.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____
 Last **First** **Middle Initial** **(Maiden name)**

Name by which you wish to be addressed: _____

Address: _____
Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Home Tel: (____) ____ - ____ **Work Tel:** (____) ____ - ____ **Cell Phone:** (____) ____ - ____

Email Address: _____

DOB: Month ____ Day ____ Year _____

Gender: (F) ____ (M) ____

	Name of College/ University/Grad School	Year(s) Enrolled From --- To	Grade Average	Degree Obtained	Major
a.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Work History: Please attach resume.

Please tell us about any hobbies, interests or volunteer activities.

Nominating Parish/Community: _____

Date you joined nominating parish/community: _____

How long have you been a resident of the Diocese of Southern Virginia? _____

Current Priest, Chaplain, or Dean: _____

Evidence of Baptism: Date _____ **Church/Location/Denomination** _____

Evidence of Confirmation/Reception: Date _____ **Church/Location** _____

Have you ever been a member of another religious denomination? Please briefly state which and how long.

Have you applied to the ordination process for the diaconate or priesthood in this or any other diocese or denomination in the past? If so, please explain, providing date, location and details.

Marital Status: ___ single ___ married ___ divorced ___ separated ___ widowed ___ partnered

Number/marriages: ___ **Length of present marriage in years:** _____

If divorced, what was the date (MM/YYYY) of the divorce decree: _____

Current Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Spouse's/Partner's Religious Affiliation: _____

Children: Give the name, age, and gender of each child.

I GIVE MY FULL PERMISSION FOR ALL THE OEP APPLICATION MATERIALS AND INFORMATION TO BE SHARED WITH PARISH LAY COMMITTEES, SUPERVISING RECTOR/VICAR, MY BISHOP, THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND OTHER PERSONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

Date _____ **Signed** _____

Spiritual Autobiography Instructions – Permanent Diaconate

Please provide a short essay (2-3 single-spaced pages) describing the pilgrimage that has led you to seek ordination and submit it with your application.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- a. What were the family patterns of religious affiliation and practice when you were growing up?
- b. What significant events and persons influenced how you see yourself today as a person of faith?
- c. Describe your current involvement in the Church. In what ways do you directly engage in servant ministry inside and outside the Church now?
- d. Discuss how you nurture your relationship with God.
- e. Describe the discernment process which has led you to explore the possibility of ordained ministry. How and when did you become aware of a possible call to ordained ministry and in what ways has that call been affirmed by others?
- f. As a deacon, how do you see the role of the Church in the world today?
- g. What do you think makes diaconal ministry distinct from lay ministry?
- h. If ordained, what strengths and weaknesses do you envision yourself bringing to the Church?
- i. If ordained as a deacon, how do you envision your future servant ministry and how might that change with ordination?
- j. What do you think it means to have “a heart of a deacon?”

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Ordination Exploration Process

- **All information must be submitted electronically to etracy@diosova.org.**
All forms must be sent at the same time via email. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- **Note that if there are criminal or morally scandalous events in your past, including but not limited to allegations of sexual misconduct, or charges or convictions of a felony or misdemeanor; BEFORE submitting an application, please discuss these matters with the Canon for Administration by calling 757-213-3378.**
- **Additionally, please be advised that future acceptance into the Ordination Exploration Process is not a guarantee of advancement to the next stage in the exploration process or of being admitted to the ordination process, or of being ordained.**
- **This completed form and all supporting materials are due in to the Office of the Canon for Administration by December 31st.**