

A guide for those considering Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Southwest Florida

Nominee

Review Canons III.5.1-3 and III:8.1-7

Hear and respond to God's call
Consult with minister of congregation
Attend Vocations Information Day
Register as Applicant for Holy Orders

Applicant

Canons refer to III 8:1-3

One year of Diocesan and Local Discernment (or equivalent approved by the Bishop and Commission on Ministry)
COM screening and interview process begins.
Formal Application begins
Interview with Bishop who decides to proceed or recommends other ministry
Congregational support certified
Pre - Screening Process
 COM examines background, academic preparation, previous training
 COM verifies intellectual and practical ability to proceed
 COM verifies language skills and cultural awareness
 COM requests any other documentation it considers helpful
Applicant Screening Process
 Mental Health Screening and Psychological Inventories
COM evaluation and recommendation on Postulancy
Bishop makes decision on Postulancy

Postulant

Canons refer to III:2 and III 8.4

Postulancy is a time of no less than six months for the exploration of and decision on the Postulant's call to the Priesthood. Postulant will be mentored by COM, supported by local congregation, and applying to an accredited seminary of the Episcopal Church recommended by the Bishop. A formal course of preparation for ministry will be agreed upon. COM mentoring continues

Candidate

Canons refer to III: 2 and III:8:5-6

Candidacy is a time of no less than six months for formation in preparation for ordination to the priesthood. Candidate will be mentored by COM. The M. Div program in an accredited seminary of the Episcopal Church is a three year graduate level program. In this diocese we expect seminarians to take a quarter of CPE during the summer after the first academic year.