



Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast MINISTRY FORMATION CHECKLIST

APPLICANT:

In order for an Application to be complete, it must include all of the following items. We do not move an Applicant to Aspirant status until the application process is completed

- Application and Curriculum Vitae
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Bishop's Questionnaire
- Spousal Letter (if applicable)
- Sr. Pastor/Rector Recommendation Letter
- Bishop's Meeting (in person)
- Transcripts, Certifications, Alternative Study Descriptions
- Baptism/Confirmation Info (Certificates if possible)
- Ember Day Letters
- Letter of Intention to Proceed

ASPIRANT:

The Aspirant phase is a process of evaluation of calling. A team of lay people meets with the Aspirant to confirm or refute the call to ordained ministry. An experienced, certified psychological screener looks at your emotional makeup and history, in order to advise whether or not ordained ministry is recommended. If the Aspirant is married, we require a marital assessment. The Bishop then review this process for approval to proceed.

- Ember Day Letters
- Identify Competency Mentor & Local Church*
- Diaconal Core Competencies Internship
- Local Parish Discernment Process
- Conversation with the Dean (of Deacons or Presbyters)
- Identify Spiritual Director
- Background Check
- Psychological Assessment
- Marriage Assessment
Marriage License

**Identify Local Church if Residential Seminary Student*

Decree of Divorce (if applicable)
New Marriage License (if applicable)
Petition for Consideration (if applicable)

- Read Anglican Church in North America Constitution & Canons – Sign & Affirm
- Review Oath of Conformity

POSTULANT:

Postulancy is a time of preparation. Our assessments, orientations, and training are all geared toward making sure you are confident in your call and in your preparation before embarking on a life of ordained ministry. Of course, there is much to learn after ordination as well.

- Ember Day Letters
- Physical Exam
- Ministry Safe Training
- Keeping our Sacred Trust Training
- Ordination Exam
- Synod Attendance

CANDIDATE:

A Candidate has completed the process of discernment, and continues in preparing for ordination to the transitional diaconate.

- Ember Day Letters
- Core Competency Day w/Dean (of Deacons or Presbyters)
- Initial Diaconal Ministry Plan
- Planning of Ordination Liturgy
- Retreat w/Bishop
- Identify Lay and Clergy Sponsors
- Ordination Vestments