



Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast

APPLICANT

APPLICATION & CURRICULUM VITAE

The application requests basic information and helps us to get to know you. For the application to be complete, it must include all the following information (curriculum vitae, bishop's questionnaire, Sr. Pastor recommendation letter, etc.) An application shall be made available for submission by calling 281-466-1972 or emailing sandy@dwgc.org . . . or you can download off the website, www.dwgc.org. Please send all completed application steps as follows:

By email: sandy@dwgc.org

By mail: Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast
HopePointe Anglican Church Campus 3333
So. Panther Creek Dr.
The Woodlands, TX 77381
Attn: Credentialing Administrator

An up-to-date curriculum vita/current resume should be included when you submit your application. It should outline your professional, educational, and personal achievements.

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Write a Spiritual Autobiography utilizing the guide provided. This exercise also will give you a thoughtful answer for the often-asked question, "Why do you want to be ordained?" The Spiritual Autobiography is a description of your call to ordained ministry within the context of your life story. If you are coming to Anglicanism from another Christian tradition, please include a description of this journey.

The completed Autobiography will be electronically sent by us to your Sr. Pastor/Rector prior to the Parish Discernment Process. You may be asked to include more information, if necessary. Everyone who reads this document will treat it with utmost respect and confidentiality.

SPOUSAL LETTER (if applicable)

If you are married, your spouse affirms the confidence that you are called to ordained Anglican ministry, and that she/he can support your ministry. Your spouse is also asked if there are any concerns and given the opportunity to share any insights. A guide is provided.

SR. PASTOR RECOMMENDATION LETTER

This recommendation from your Sr. Pastor/Rector or designated representative, indicates support for your proceeding with parish discernment as either a deacon or a priest. In this letter, he needs to affirm that you have been a member of the church for at least one year and have served in some ministry role at the church.

TRANSCRIPTS, CERTIFICATIONS, ALTERNATIVE STUDY DESCRIPTIONS

Please provide all education transcripts and certificates, along with details of any alternative (or local church based) studies you have completed.

From Anglican Church in North America Canons

Canon 2, Section 7 - Concerning Theological Training Requirements

No person shall be admitted into Holy Orders who has not been properly trained in Holy Scripture, and the Doctrine, Discipline and Worship of this Church.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Baptism & Confirmation information is requested on the application. Please include certificate copies, if available.

From Anglican Church in North America Canons

Canon 2, Section 1 - Concerning General Requirements

Every Bishop shall take care that he admit no person into Holy Orders but such as he knows either by himself, or by sufficient testimony, to have been baptized and confirmed, to be sufficiently instructed in Holy Scripture and in the doctrine, discipline and worship of this Church, as defined by this Province, to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and to be a wholesome example and pattern to the entire flock of Christ.

READ ACNA CONSTITUTION & CANONS

The ordination process is governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North American and the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Diocese of the Western Gulf Coast.

All applicants must read and understand these documents and all ordinands must take vows to uphold the Canons and Constitutions of both the Diocese and Province at their ordination.

OATH OF CONFORMITY

The Canons require that no Deacon may be ordained a Priest in the Church until he has subscribed without reservation to the Oath of Conformity. It is also required that each Ordinand subscribe without reservation to the Oath of Canonical Obedience. This is done in the presence of the Bishop and congregation at Ordination.

You will be asked to sign a document, indicating that you understand that these are the 2 oaths you will be signing, without reservation, at your ordination. Your signature also acknowledges that at this time, there is nothing that would impede you from doing so.

CONVERSATION WITH THE DEAN OF LAITY

Please contact Tommy Lamb, Dean of Laity to schedule a time with him.

BISHOP'S MEETING (in person with spouse)

Please call the Bishop's Executive Assistant at 281-466-1972, to set up time with Bishop Clark for the two of you to formally engage with one another. It will provide the opportunity for you and the Bishop to ask and answer questions, to discuss philosophy of ministry and to discern how you might live out your Holy Orders if the Bishop gives approval.

The Bishop will review your file and consider your intention to proceed. He may approve your Postulancy, or may require additional studies, experiential learning or discernment processes. It is possible that he may not approve continuing the process. This decision is made in consultation with your Sr. Pastor/Rector the Credentialing office and in communication with you.

LETTER OF INTENTION TO PROCEED

Before proceeding, please pray and reflect before declaring your intention to proceed. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please contact your Sr. Pastor/Rector or Dean before proceeding. We want to make sure that you have taken time to prayerfully reflect. Please return the provided and completed form to Diocesan Office, Attention: Credentialing Registrar.

