

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, February 1, 2014



Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



A JOURNEY TOGETHER

General Timeline Toward
Ordination for Holy Orders



First Steps:

- ✦ Ministry Discernment Conference
- ✦ Commitment Form Due February 28
- ✦ Discernment Committee Work
(March, April, May)
- ✦ June Vestry Meeting - Nomination



Applying for Postulancy:

Application materials due August 1st

- ◆ Notification of Invitation to Interview sent in October
- ◆ Postulancy Interviews in November (BCH Camp & Conference Center)



When do I hear?

- ◆ Notification of Postulancy by January
- ◆ Postulancy effective June 1st
- ◆ Attend required one-day workshop in May or June
- ◆ Submit Release Form upon receipt



Required before Ordination:

- ◆ Safe Church Training
- ◆ Anti-racism Training
- ◆ Title IV Training



Every Year:

- ◆ Attend Diocesan Convention in November
- ◆ Attend Postulants & Candidates Retreat in March
- ◆ Submit quarterly Ember Day Letters



First year of Postulancy:

- ✦ Complete Background Check from Oxford Documents upon receipt
- ✦ Complete Medical and Psychological Examinations by December 1
- ✦ Begin Seminary or Diaconate Training in September
- ✦ Clinical Pastoral Education (Priesthood) or Learning Project (Diaconate)



Second year:

- ◆ Complete first Field Education Placement or Internship
- ◆ Application for Candidacy due September 30th
- ◆ Notification of Interview sent in December
- ◆ Candidacy Interviews in January
- ◆ Notification of Candidacy in February/March



Third year:

- ◆ Complete second Field Education Placement or Internship
- ◆ General Ordination Exams or Diaconate Exams in January
- ◆ Application for Ordination to Diaconate due February 28th
- ◆ Notification of Ordination in April
- ◆ Finish Seminary or Diaconate Training in May



The Home Stretch:

- ✦ Ordination to Diaconate or Transitional Diaconate in June
- ✦ Application for Ordination to Priesthood due September 15th
- ✦ Notification of Ordination in November
- ✦ Ordination to Priesthood in January



Additional Comments:

- ✦ Nominee to send all application materials in one packet *if possible*
- ✦ New postulants will received a Formation Handbook containing everything necessary for time in the process from beginning to ordination



Most Common Mistake-Failing to send in:

- ✦ 3 Letters of Recommendation *in addition to* a letter from Sponsoring Priest
- ✦ All items requested on last page of application
- ✦ Future Planning section on Addendum F.1 (Priesthood)
- ✦ Your Discernment Committee Report
- ✦ All documentation of legal status if not a US citizen



Questions?

