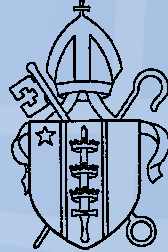


# MINISTRY DISCERNMENT CONFERENCE

## Saturday, February 5, 2011



# Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



## General Timeline Toward Ordination for Holy Orders



## First Steps:

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



# Applying for Postulancy:

Application materials due August 1<sup>st</sup>

- ◆ Notification of Invitation to Interview sent in October
- ◆ Postulancy Interviews in November



# When do I hear?

- ◆ Notification of Postulancy in January
- ◆ Postulancy effective June 1<sup>st</sup>
- ◆ 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)



# Second year:

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



# Third year:

- ◆ Complete second Field Education Placement or Internship
- ◆ General Ordination Exams or Diaconate Exams in January
- ◆ Application for Ordination to Diaconate due February 28<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ 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 15<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Notification of Ordination in November
- ◆ Ordination to Priesthood in January



# Questions?

