

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts General Timeline for the Process of Ordination for Holy Orders

INQUIRER

NOMINEE

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	Ministry Discernment Conference	Commitment form due February 28			Vestry Completes Nomination Form		Postulancy Application Due August 1		Notification Invitation to Postulancy Interviews	Postulancy Interviews	
Discernment Committee Meetings											

Year One

					POSTULANT						
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Notification of Postulancy					Postulancy Effective June 1st			Begin Seminary or Diaconate Training		Diocesan Convention	
					Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter
Complete One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (Priesthood) Two Years of Field Education (Priesthood) or Directed Internships (Diaconate)											

Year Two

POSTULANT											
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
		Postulant/Candidate Retreat						Application for Candidacy Due Sept. 30		Diocesan Convention	Notification of Invitation to Candidacy Interviews
		Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter
Complete One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (Priesthood) Two Years of Field Education (Priesthood) or Directed Internships (Diaconate)											

Year Three

CANDIDATE											
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Candidacy Interviews	Notification of Candidacy (Effective Dec. 1)	Postulant/Candidate Retreat								Diocesan Convention	
		Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter
Two Years of Field Education (Priesthood) or Directed Internships (Diaconate)											

Year Four

CANDIDATE					DEACON						
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
General Ordination or Diaconate Exams	Application for Ordination to Diaconate Due Feb 28	Postulant/Candidate Retreat	Notification of Ordination to the Diaconate	Complete Seminary or Diaconate Training	Ordination to the Diaconate			Application for Ordination to the Priesthood Due Sept. 15		Diocesan Convention & Notification of Ordination	
		Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter			Ember Letter
Two Years of Field Education (Priesthood) or Directed Internships (Diaconate)											

January: Ordination to the Priesthood