

## CALL TO MINISTRY PROCESS FOR THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

### STREAM TWO

The path to priesthood through the transitional diaconate.

**In the case of someone who has not yet attended an accredited theological college or is in the process of theological education the following is the process to be pursued.**

**In the case of someone who has already attended an accredited theological college and is applying to be considered for ordination after the fact; the following is the process to be pursued. This process can be entered into more rapidly, and dependant upon when the A.C.P.O. conference is held that year, can be concluded in a matter of months. It must be stressed though, that none of the steps are thereby omitted, the time is just shortened.**

**Note that the D1 in column 6 and the D2 in column 7 and the D3 in column 10 all denote points in the process where evaluation leads to decision continue process, or not.**

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6 D1	STEP 7 D2	STEP 8	STEP 9	STEP 10 D3
Inquirer communicates with Diocese seeking support	The Inquirer is immediately sent package outlining process, as well as application forms and other related info	Inquirer makes decision, sends in application, and is officially recognized as a candidate of the Diocese	The Candidate meets the Missioner and the two members of the Examining Chaplains Committee who will move with him/her through the process and writes the obligatory essays regarding ordination.	The Candidate will gather all the materials requested by the E.C.C. police check, reference letters transcripts and a signed attestation to abide by the Sexual harassment Policy of the Diocese etc. and forward them to the Missioner.	The Missioner will present the essay, all the documents, a report by the two Examining Chaplains and an over view of the process up to that date to the Bishop. The Bishop will make a decision to proceed or not	If the Candidate is supported in continuing the process, he/she will be sent to the next Diocesan Conference, and if successful, then on to ACPO. After both the Diocesan Conf. And ACPO, the Candidate will meet with the Missioner and the two appointed E. C's to review the reports. Each time they will then be shared with the Bishop. If the report is not a positive one. The Candidate will likely be asked to review their Call in the light of the recommendations. If both are positive reporst, the Candidate becomes officially a Postulant for ordination.	The postulant continues their course of study, as well as any other training deemed necessary by the Missioner and the Examining Chaplains. All Postulants may make requests for financial support from the Diocese through the Missioner's office	Near the end of the course of study, the Bishop will, through the Missioner, request all the recent evaluations and transcripts of the Postulant and ask for a final recommendation from the Examining Chaplains Committee. Failure to graduate from the Theological College constitutes adequate grounds for not proceeding to ordination.	The Bishop makes the final decision whether to ordain the Postulant based on all the final reports, evaluations, transcripts and testimonies of members of the E.C.C.

**NOTE: Even though all steps may be followed, the refusal of an offer to be placed in a particular ministry or parish could lead to not being ordained.**