

CALL TO MINISTRY PROCESS FOR THE DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

STREAM THREE

Approach 2

THE PATH TOWARD ORDINATION TO THE VOCATIONAL DIACONATE OR THE LOCALLY RAISED PRIESTHOOD

In the case of someone who has responded favourably to a parish or Deanery Discernment process this is the path the person must take toward Ordination.

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.

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| Through a discernment process, an individual is asked by the parish or deanery to consider moving toward the vocational diaconate or the locally raised priesthood. | The individual responds to the call of the parish or deanery and makes application to the Diocese through the Parish Priest or the Archdeacon. 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. The Candidate will meet with the Missioner and the two appointed E.C. to review the resulting report. It 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 it is a positive report, the Candidate becomes a Postulant for ordination | The Postulant continues his/her 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 | At the appropriate time, 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 commit to the course of study and attain a satisfactory evaluation 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.