

Vocational Diaconate Process Requirements

Canon 6

Postulancy through Ordination

Postulancy

These items must be completed by August 15 if you wish to be interviewed at convention.

Requirement

Instructions

Covenant

Postulant and Chair of the Commission on Ministry will sign shortly after BACOM

Everyone in the Holy Orders process should meet regularly with a spiritual director.

Academic Modules—Scripture, Tradition, Theology

Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary will begin sending you modules after you are accepted as a Postulant. As you finish a section, send it to her and she will forward it to the coordinator for that module. When you have completed a module, Helen will send you the next one. In order to be interviewed by the Standing Committee at convention, you must turn in the theology module by March 31 and have all rewrites complete and passed by August 15.

Safeguarding God's People

Check [www.coloradiocese.org](http://www.coloradiodiocese.org) for training sessions. Look under Faith Formation, Safe Church. Send certificate to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.

Safeguarding God's Children

Check [www.coloradiocese.org](http://www.coloradiodiocese.org) for training sessions. Look under Faith Formation, Safe Church. Send certificate to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.

Formation Weekends

Three formation weekends are offered every year. Postulants and Candidates must attend at least one a year and four before being granted Candidacy. The Rev. Ruth Woodliff-Stanley will contact you with details.

Annual Formation Fee

Your sponsoring congregation should pay half of this. Please make checks payable to The Diocese of Colorado and send them to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.

Field Placement

Your Placement Plan must be approved and you should have spent at least two weeks at your field placement congregation prior to

Holy Orders Retreat	Candidacy. Postulants and Candidates are required to attend this event annually in July.
Form D7: Application for Candidacy	Send to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Form D8: Recommendation from the Vestry and Sponsoring Clergy	The sponsoring clergy should send this directly to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Standing Committee Interview	All the above requirements must be completed by August 15 if you wish to be interviewed at convention in a given year.

Candidacy for Ordination

These items must be completed by August 15 if you wish to be ordained in November.

Academic Modules—Diakonia	In order to be ordained in November, you must turn in the Diakonia module by March 31 and have all rewrites complete and passed by August 15.
Title IV Training	This can be done any time after admission to Postulancy. Send certificate to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Anti-Racism Training	This can be done any time after admission to Postulancy. Send certificate to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Formation Weekends	Two more are required for ordination. The facilitator will send a letter testifying to the Candidate's human awareness and understanding to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Field Work	Candidate should contact the COM liaison to discuss arrangements and to get approval. A minimum of six months must be spent on Field Work, Liturgical Practicum, and Homiletics in an Episcopal church other than the candidate's sponsoring congregation. They should be done simultaneously. Upon completion of field work, the candidate will write two letters to the COM, sending them to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Liturgical Practicum	
Homiletics	
Form D5—Verification of Spiritual Direction	Send an updated form to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.
Medical Evaluation	You must have another if your previous Medical Examination was more than 36 months prior to ordination. The physician should send the form to the Executive Assistant

Psychological Evaluation

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Background Check

You must have another if your previous Background Check was more than 36 months prior to ordination. The diocese will pay for a second one.

Form D9: Application for Ordination

Candidate should send this to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.

Form D10: Recommendation from the Vestry and Sponsoring Clergy

The sponsoring clergy should send this directly to the Executive Assistant to the Canon to the Ordinary.