

Discernment Process

Inquiry Phase	Diaconate	Priesthood
(Enter your completion dates for each step in the boxes below)	<p>As Episcopalians, we believe that all baptized persons are called to minister in Christ's name, to identify their gifts with the help of the Church, and to serve in Christ's mission at all times and in all places. We affirm that all are called to sustain their ministries through commitment to life-long Christian formation. Title III.1.1</p> <p>If you believe you are being called <i>out of</i> the ministry of the laity and <i>into</i> one of the other orders of ministry, your first step is to begin and continue having conversations with your priest. It is assumed that you have been in conversation with your priest before you come to Information Day (see below).</p> <p>Below are the requirements for ordination to the diaconate and the priesthood, <i>at this time</i>, as stated in the Constitutions and Canons of the Episcopal Church (“Title I” & “III”) and of the Diocese of Indianapolis, as well as the particular steps required by the Bishop and Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Indianapolis (“Dio”) the Congregational Discernment Handbook (“CDH”) & the Deacon Formation Process (“DFP”).</p> <p>Copies of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church and of the Diocese of Indianapolis are available online by going to the Diocesan website: www.indydio.org. Copies of the CDH and the DFP are available through the Commission on Ministry (“COM”) at the appropriate time.</p> <p>Even though this checklist has been prepared for your assistance and guidance in navigating the process, it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet all Canonical requirements. This check list has been prepared <i>assuming a June Information Day</i>. Your process and timeline may vary depending upon your needs and circumstances. However, there are certain requirements of time periods that you need to be aware of. Become familiar with Canon III especially.</p> <p>Your file will always be open to you by contacting the Bishop’s Administrative Assistant. You are responsible for ensuring that all necessary documents are contained in your file. It is highly recommended that you keep a copy of everything you send to the Bishop, the Bishop’s Administrative Assistant or other Diaconal bodies during your process.</p> <p>Where the process is different for those discerning for the Diaconate versus those discerning for the priesthood, this box will be in two parts. The information on the left is for those discerning for the Diaconate. The information on the right is for those discerning for the Priesthood. If there is no division, the requirement applies to all in the process.</p>	
	<p>Confirmed adult communicants in good standing are eligible to be considered for these ministries: III.6.2,8.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --having received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, --having been duly recorded in this Church and sixteen years of age, --having made a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment (i.e. confirmed/received), --having received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year, and --having been faithful in corporate worship, in working, praying, and giving. <p>Title 1.17</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will attend an Information Day, accompanied by a sponsoring priest, his or her spouse/partner, and a Vestry member. Information Day typically occurs in early June, hosted by the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry. The date will be published on the Diocesan Website and in the Wednesday Mailbag.</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Complete the 6-page “Application for Discernment” form & submit to Bishop’s Administrative Assistant (currently, Sally Cassidy) by September following the Information Day. The form is available from the Bishop’s Administrative Assistant.</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will provide evidence of Baptism and Confirmation (to the Bishop’s Administrative Assistant) III.6.2b, 8.2b</p>	

	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will maintain the status of confirmed adult communicant in good standing. III.6.3, 8.3
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer remains in contact with the rector & Commission on Ministry with questions & updates.
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer and priest will remain in contact throughout the formation process for ongoing support.
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will engage in personal prayer and reflection .
	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a Spiritual Director periodically. A list of Spiritual Directors can be found on the Diocesan website.
	The Inquirer's rector or clergy-in-charge will assign 4 - 6 persons to a Congregational Discernment Group . The Commission on Ministry will provide a Congregational Discernment Handbook and an orientation session for the Congregational Discernment Group and the Inquirer. CDH 2-6
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will meet with this Group for 8 sessions over a 3-6 month period , each session lasting about 2 hours and occurring every 2-4 weeks.
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will submit to the Congregational Discernment Group before Session Four a confidential 5-7 page Spiritual Autobiography that outlines the major influences and events of life, including family and personal circumstances, spiritual development, and what led to the present vocational aspiration. CDH 5
	This Congregational Discernment Group will: --help the Inquirer to listen to God, to discern his or her gifts, and to discover God's will; <input type="checkbox"/> --submit a report to the Vestry and the Commission on Ministry (copy Sally Cassidy) - describing the discernment process undertaken and articulating the Inquirer's sense of call, - including a recommendation regarding nomination for Holy Orders (by February) CDH 19
	This Group will also provide ongoing support throughout the Inquirer's formation process. III.3.4, 6.2, 8.2
	The Bishop or a Bishop's staff member will place the Inquirer in a Shadowing experience, typically a ministry setting that differs from his or her home parish, where the Inquirer will commit 7-10 hours per week, most of which will occur on Sundays in Advent, for 8-12 weeks. (Contact Bishop by October following Information Day)
	The Inquirer will observe a Deacon or Priest at work in liturgies, vestry & other meetings, & pastoral calls.
	The Inquirer will engage in intentional conversation with both the clergy and lay leaders about what is observed and how it affects his or her understanding of ministry and sense of vocation, asking any questions that arise. (See Contact List: "Shadowing") DFP 3, Dio
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will submit a mid-term written report (send to the Bp.s Admin.), and

	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will submit an end of term written report of the shadowing experience. (Bp Admin.) <input type="checkbox"/> The clergy in charge of the shadowing experience will submit a final written report. (Bp Admin.)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will submit to the Commission a typed 2-3 page Spiritual Autobiography on Ministry and Diaconal Training leaders by July 1 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ earliest memories of God's presence and sense of God's call, ○ people influential in faith development, ○ major decision points in life, ○ major commitments made, ○ influences or milestones in your faith journey, ○ the decision process in seeking ordination. DFP 1 	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will submit to the Commission on Ministry a Spiritual Autobiography that reflects his or her discernment to date and articulate his or her call to ministry. Dio
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer's Vestry will write a letter of support (before March) to the Bishop & Commission on Ministry on behalf of the congregation, nominating the Inquirer for Postulancy and pledging to contribute financially to that preparation and to involve itself in the Inquirer's preparation for ordination. The letter shall be signed by 2/3 of the Vestry & by the Member of the Clergy or leader exercising oversight. III.6.2,8.2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer, if agreeing, shall accept the nomination in writing & shall provide the following to the Bishop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full name and date of birth ○ Legal time of residence in Diocese ○ Evidence of Baptism and Confirmation ○ Notice of any previous application or nomination for Postulancy in this or any diocese ○ Education attained: degrees, Official undergraduate transcripts (and graduate transcripts if applicable) ○ Description of the discernment process (Bp. Admin.) III.6.2, 8.2	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will contact the Safeguarding administrator of his/her parish to complete the Safeguarding God's People and God's Children courses as assigned (to be renewed every 3 years). (See Contact List) III.6.5, 8.5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will complete an Oxford background check . Contact Bp. Admin. (very early March)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will complete a psychological exam . Contact Bp. Admin. (very early March) <input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will complete a medical exam (Form provided) . Contact Bp. Admin. III.6.5, 8.5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer's spouse/partner , if any, will submit a letter of support (Bp. Admin.) Dio	
	Inquirer will become able to evidence familiarity with: <input type="checkbox"/> The Canons, Catechism, Baptismal Covenant, and Rite for the Ordination of a Deacon.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> One's particular gifts and skills for ministry and how	

	<p>the gifts might be used</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate boundaries in areas such as leadership, finances, sexuality, accountability, and responsibilities.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Where one needs to improve and learn new skills.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> How one's family might be affected by formation and the life and work of a Deacon.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The academic background necessary	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Church's role in today's society. DFP	
	<p>Read Ormonde Plater's book <u>Many Servants</u></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop's staff will consult with the Inquirer regarding financial resources available to support of the Postulant throughout preparation III.8.3
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Inquirer will provide two reference letters (either lay or ordained) (Bp. Admin.) Dio	
	<p>When the above is complete, contact the Bishop's Administrative Assistant to schedule a meeting with the Bishop.</p>	
	<p>The Bishop may invite the Inquirer to meet for a conversation. The Bishop may invite the Inquirer to interview for Postulancy with the Commission on Ministry (often in October). III.6.3,8.3</p>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Commission on Ministry prepares an evaluation & recommendations for the Bishop III.6.3, 8.3	
	<p>The Bishop reports interview results and may admit the Inquirer as a Postulant III.6.3, 8.3, Dio Canon 26.5</p>	

Postulancy

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	<p>Postulancy is the time between nomination and candidacy and may initiate the formal preparation for ordination. Postulancy involves continued exploration of and decision about the Postulant's call. III.6.3, 8.3</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Each Postulant shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter four times a year in the Ember Weeks (see the BCP for those dates), reflecting on the Postulant's academic, diaconal, human, spiritual, and practical development. (Copy to Bishop's Admin.) III.6.3, 8.3</p>	
	<p>The Bishop and the Commission shall work with the Postulant or Candidate to develop and monitor a program of preparation for ordination. III.6.5, 8.5</p> <p>These goals will be assessed periodically throughout the year with the Deacon Formation program directors. DFP 4</p>	
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop shall review periodically the financial condition and plans of the Postulant. III.8.3</p>
	<p>Postulants in formal training may apply for tuition assistance grants using the forms on the diocesan website. A variety of other scholarship and grant opportunities are available.</p>	
	<p>Formal education and training begins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Ministry Formation sessions, <input type="checkbox"/> Education For Ministry, <input type="checkbox"/> Online independent seminary study, <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon retreats and workshops, <input type="checkbox"/> Field work. <p style="text-align: right;">DFP 5-6</p>	<p>Formal education and training begin. If the Postulant has not previously obtained a baccalaureate degree, the Commission, Bishop, and Postulant shall design a program of such additional academic work as may be necessary to prepare the Postulant or Candidate to undertake a program of theological education. III.8.5</p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Reflection on Ministry</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Pastoral Education is required prior to the end of Postulancy. Dio</p>
	<p>The Bishop may assign the Postulant or Candidate to any congregation of the Diocese or other community of faith after consultation with the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight. III.6.5</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> The Postulant will attend Commission on Ministry Spring Gathering and Diocesan Convention each year, as possible. It is highly recommended that you make every effort to attend. This is when relationships are formed and you get to know people and they get to know you. Dio</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Meet regularly with a Spiritual Director, CoM liaison, and your rector. DFP</p>	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> A person desiring to be considered as a Candidate for ordination shall apply to the Bishop (copy to the Bp's Admin. and the Standing Committee President). Such application shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> the Postulant's date of admission to Postulancy, and 	

	<input type="checkbox"/> a letter of support by the Postulant's congregation or other community of faith. The letter shall be signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and by the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight. Please ask your Clergy to provide you a copy of the letter for your files. It is also recommended that you take the time to review your file with the Bishop's Administrative Assistant to confirm that all required documents are in the file. It is your responsibility to provide anything that is missing. III.6.4, 8.4	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Formation Director will provide an evaluation of academic work. Dio	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons seeking priesthood will provide an official transcript of seminary work. Dio
	The Commission on Ministry reviews the Applicant's files and then interviews the Postulant. III.6.4, 8.4	
	The Commission on Ministry prepares a statement attesting to the continuing formation III.6.4, 8.4	
	The Standing Committee reviews the documentation relating to the application and then interviews the Postulant for Candidacy and may write a letter of approval to the Bishop. III.6.4, 8.4	
	The Bishop reviews the Application and the recommendations and reports interview results and may admit the Postulant as a Candidate. The Bishop shall inform the Candidate, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the Candidate's congregation or other community of faith, the Commission, the Standing Committee, and for those seeking priesthood, the Dean of the seminary the Candidate may be attending or proposes to attend, or the director of the Candidate's program of preparation, of the fact and date of such admission. III.6.4, 8.4, Dio Canon 26.5	

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	Candidacy is a time of education and formation... established by a formal commitment by the Candidate, the Bishop, the Commission, the Standing Committee and the congregation III.6.4, 8.4	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A Candidate must remain in canonical relationship with the Diocese in which admission has been granted until ordination to the Diaconate. III.6.4, 8.4	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate will attend Commission on Ministry's Spring Gathering and Diocesan Convention each year as possible. Dio	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to meet regularly with your Spiritual Director, CoM liaison, and rector Dio	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate shall communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year , in the Ember Weeks, reflecting on the Candidate's academic experience and personal and spiritual development. (copy to Bp's Admin.) III.6.5, 8.5	
	Continue Formal Education: <input type="checkbox"/> Education for Ministry <input type="checkbox"/> Practical Ministry Formation sessions continue <input type="checkbox"/> Online independent study <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon retreats and workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection on Ministry Dio	<input type="checkbox"/> The Bishop or someone appointed by the Bishop shall review periodically the financial condition and plans of the Postulant. III. 8.3
	The Bishop may assign the Postulant or Candidate to any congregation of the Diocese or other community of faith after consultation with the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight. III.6.5	
	<input type="checkbox"/> At the beginning of each year, the Postulant will establish his or her own learning goals in light of the five competency areas. DFP4 Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas: <input type="checkbox"/> Academic studies including, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Holy Scriptures, o Theology, and o the Tradition of the Church. <input type="checkbox"/> Diakonia and the diaconate. <input type="checkbox"/> Human awareness and understanding. <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual development and discipline. <input type="checkbox"/> Practical training and experience. III.6.5	Formation includes theological training, practical experience, emotional development, and spiritual formation. Subject areas shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Holy Scriptures. <input type="checkbox"/> Church History, the Ecumenical Movement. <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology. <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Ethics and Moral Theology. <input type="checkbox"/> Studies in contemporary society, including the historical & contemporary experience of racial & minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal, & authorized supplemental texts. <input type="checkbox"/> Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship. III.8.5
	Preparation shall include training regarding:	

	<input type="checkbox"/> prevention of sexual misconduct-- Safeguarding God's People / Children (update every 3 years) <input type="checkbox"/> civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse . <input type="checkbox"/> the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof. <input type="checkbox"/> the Church's teaching on racism . (See Contact List) <input type="checkbox"/> III.6.5, 8.5	
	<p>During Candidacy each Candidate's progress shall be evaluated from time to time, and there shall be a written report of the evaluation by those authorized by the Commission to be in charge of the evaluation program.</p> <p>III.6.5, DFP4</p>	<p>The seminary or other formation program shall provide for, monitor, and report on the academic performance and personal qualifications of the Postulant or Candidate for ordination. These reports will be made upon request of the Bishop and Commission, but at least once per year.</p> <p>III.8.5</p>
	<p>Within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Deacon (Vocational or Transitional), the following must be accomplished</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> a medical evaluation & <input type="checkbox"/> a psychological evaluation by professionals approved by the Bishop using forms prepared by The Church Pension Fund, & <input type="checkbox"/> if desired or necessary, psychiatric referral. (Contact Bp. Admin.) <p>III.6.5, 8.5</p>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> A person may be ordained Deacon after at least eighteen months from the time of written acceptance of nomination <p>III.6.6</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> A Candidate must first be ordained Deacon before being ordained Priest. <p>III.8.6</p>
	<input type="checkbox"/> A person may be ordained Deacon upon attainment of at least 24 years of age <p>III.6.6 III.8.6</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate will complete a letter of application directed to the Bishop requesting ordination as a Deacon. <input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate will obtain a letter of support from the Candidate's congregation, signed and dated by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy exercising oversight. <input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate will provide written evidence of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy, giving the dates of admission. <input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate will provide a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation showing the Candidate's scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with recommendation as to the Candidate's other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon. (Send to Bp's Admin.) <p>III.6.6, 8.6</p>	
	<p>Certification by those in charge of the Candidate's program of preparation that the Candidate has successfully completed preparation and is ready for ordination.</p> <p>III.6.5, DFP 4</p>	<p>The seminary or other formation program shall provide for, monitor, and report on the academic performance and personal qualifications of the Postulant or Candidate for ordination.</p> <p>III.8.5</p>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon Formation Director will provide an evaluation of academic work.	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons seeking priesthood will provide an official transcript of seminary work.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Submit Culminating Exam as determined by the Bishop and the Commission <p>III.6.5, DFP 4</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> The Candidate will take the General Ordination Exams (January of senior year; see Bp's Admin not later than Sept. of

		senior year regarding application to take GOEs) III.8.5
	The Examining Chaplains will review the exams, interview the Candidate, and report to the Commission on Ministry. DFP 3	
	The Commission on Ministry will review the application and interview the Candidate.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Commission on Ministry will then provide the Bishop its recommendation of the readiness of the Candidate for ordination III.6.5	<input type="checkbox"/> The Commission on Ministry will then provide the Bishop a certificate giving a recommendation regarding ordination III.8.5
	The Standing Committee will review the files and, a majority of all the members consenting, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate under this Canon have been met and there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the form specified and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee may request an in-person or other interview. III.6.6, 8.6	
	The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop reports interview results within 10 days (as possible) and may ordain the Candidate to the Diaconate under this Canon; and at the time of ordination the Candidate shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution III.6.6, 8.6, Diocesan Canon 26.5	
	No person shall be ordained Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church until the person shall have been examined by the Bishop and two Priests and shall have exhibited such testimonials and other requisites as the Canons may direct. No person shall be ordained and ordered Priest or Deacon to minister in this Church, unless at the time, in the presence of the ordaining Bishop or Bishops, the person shall subscribe and make the following declaration: “I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church.” Episcopal Church Constitution Article VIII See also the provisions in Title III Canon 5	
	<i>For Vocational Deacons only:</i> Deacon Formation Director will provide an evaluation of continuing academic work. <i>For Transitional Deacons, see the next page.</i>	

Transitional Diaconate

	A Transitional Deacon may be assigned to a congregation (Bishop) Dio
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to meet regularly with your Spiritual Director, CoM liaison, and rector Dio
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to attend Commission on Ministry's Spring Gathering and Diocesan Convention each year as possible (very highly recommended as this is the time that relationships are formed and you get to know people and they get to know you). Dio
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to communicate with the Bishop in person or by letter, four times a year , in the Ember Weeks. (copy Bp. Admin.) Dio
	A Transitional Deacon may be ordained Priest: <input type="checkbox"/> after at least eighteen months from the time of acceptance of nomination by the Inquirer as provided in III.8.2(b), and <input type="checkbox"/> upon attainment of at least twenty-four years of age, and <input type="checkbox"/> if the medical evaluation and psychological evaluation have taken place or been updated within thirty-six months prior to ordination as a Priest. (Results available in time for CoM interview.) III.8.7
	The Transitional Deacon will: <input type="checkbox"/> Write a letter of application requesting ordination as a Priest, including the Deacon's dates of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy and ordination as a Deacon under this Canon, <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a letter of support from the Deacon's congregation or other community of faith, signed by at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight, <input type="checkbox"/> Provide evidence of admission to Postulancy and Candidacy , including dates of admission, and ordination to the Diaconate, <input type="checkbox"/> Provide a certificate from the seminary or other program of preparation, written at the completion of the program of preparation, showing the Deacon's scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons, and giving an evaluation with recommendation as to the Deacon's other personal qualifications for ordination together with a recommendation regarding ordination to the Priesthood (Send these items to Bp's Admin) III.8.7
	<input type="checkbox"/> Persons seeking priesthood will provide an official transcript of any continuing academic work. Send to Bp's Admin Dio
	The Commission on Ministry will review the application and files and then interview the Transitional Deacon. The Commission may write a statement attesting to the successful completion of the program of formation designed during Postulancy under Canon III.8.5 and proficiency in the required areas of study, recommending the Transitional Deacon for ordination to the Priesthood. III.8.7

	<p>On the receipt of such certificates, the Standing Committee will review the application and all relevant files.</p> <p>The Standing Committee, a majority of all the members consenting, may certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Priesthood have been met and there is no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds and that they recommend ordination, by a testimonial addressed to the Bishop in the form specified and signed by the consenting members of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee may request an in-person or other interview.</p> <p>III.8.7</p>
	<p>The testimonial having been presented to the Bishop, and there being no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds, the Bishop reports interview results and may ordain the Deacon to the Priesthood</p> <p>At the time of ordination the Deacon shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution.</p> <p>III.8.7, Dio Canon 26.5</p>