

Expectations of clergy guiding Aspirants (Deacon)

- Familiarity with the diocesan process for ordination as set forth by the Bishop and Commission on Ministry
- Through discussion and prayer, help the Aspirant discern whether and when to move forward
- Be willing to pledge financial support and continuing involvement by the congregation if the Aspirant is nominated and applies for Postulancy (if granted) and Candidacy
- Communicate honestly with the Diocese about the Aspirant's readiness to move forward at each step in the process
- Fulfill all canonical requirements for letters of support: recommendation at the beginning of the discernment process, nomination for Postulancy, recommendation for Candidacy, and recommendations for ordination to the Diaconate

When the clergy person feels the Aspirant is ready to move from the church into a more formal discernment process, the clergy person writes the Bishop and instructs the Aspirant to complete Form 1: Aspirant's Declaration of Intent to Seek Postulancy.

Clergy also oversee the expectations of the vestry for those seeking ordination:

- Write letters of recommendation as canonically required
- If made a Postulant, support through prayer and financial contributions

If there is no clergy person in charge of an Aspirant's church, the Senior Warden should contact the Bishop's office regarding the Aspirant .