EPISCOPAL DIOCESE of Rhode Island

PRIESTHOOD: POSTULANCY TO ORDINATION OUTLINE

***NOTE: It is assumed that the ordination process will take approximately three years from postulancy to diaconal ordination, and 6-12 months beyond to priestly ordination.**

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Write and send Ember Day Letters (Title III, Canon 6, Sec. 3e, p. 72)	Postulant/Candidate to Bishop
Forward seminary grades to Bishop's office	Postulant/Candidate
Attend *Diocesan Convention* annually as able	Postulant/ Candidate
Complete *Form 6: Postulant's Application for Candidacy*	Postulant submits to Bishop's Office
Complete *Form 7: Affirmation for Candidacy*	Postulant, Clergy, Vestry/Bishop's Committee submits to Bishop's Office
Complete *Public Records Check* prior to Candidacy	Bishop's Office
Update Resume and Spiritual Autobiography	Postulant/Candidate
Postulant invited for interview by Standing Committee (SC) for Candidacy	SC chairperson to postulant
On advice of SC, Bishop grants candidacy and informs postulant	Bishop
Complete GOEs and/or canonical exams as directed by the Bishop	Candidate and Bishop's Office
If applicable, update medical exam, psychological evaluation	Candidate, prior to applying for ordination
Complete *Safe Church, Anti-Racism,* and *Title IV* training	Candidate, prior to applying for ordination, send completion certificates to Bishop's Office
Complete *Form 8: Application to be Ordained a Deacon*	Candidate to Bishop's Office
Complete *Form 9: Affirmation for Ordination*	Candidate, Clergy, Vestry/Bishop's Committee to Bishop's Office
Candidate invited for *Ordination Interview* with Standing Committee (SC)	SC chairperson to candidate
SC makes its recommendation to the Bishop ordination to Diaconate	SC to Bishop
On advice of SC, Bishop approves ordination and confirms ordination date	Bishop
Complete *Form 10: Application to be Ordained a Priest*	Candidate to Bishop's Office
Complete *Form 11: Affirmation for Ordination*	Deacon, Clergy, Vestry/Bishop's Committee to Bishop's Office
Candidate invited for Ordination Interview with Standing Committee (SC)	SC chairperson to candidate
SC makes its recommendation to the Bishop ordination to Diaconate	SC to Bishop
On advice of SC, Bishop approves ordination and confirms ordination date	Bishop