

Flow Chart for Ordination to the Diaconate

Approx Time Frame	ASPIRANT		
12 Months	Confirmed communicant in good standing Resident in congregation for at least 6 months		
	Explore with clergy sponsor		
	Explorer's Information Form		
	Meet with Bishop		
	Attend Aspirants Weekend		
	Parish Discernment process		
	Nomination of clergy & vestry to Bishop	Not Less Than 18 Mths	
	Acceptance of nomination and application/packet to Bishop		
	Priest Aspirant: Medical & Psych evaluations Background Check		
	Nomination meeting with Bishop		
	Education/Theological formation		
	COM Interview Letter of support from clergy & vestry to Bishop Consent of Standing Comm		
18 Months	POSTULANCY		
	Deacon Postulant: Medical & Psych evaluations		
	Letter of support from clergy & vestry to Bishop for Candidacy		
	Application for Candidacy to Bishop		
	COM Interview/recommendation Letter of support from clergy & vestry to Bishop Consent of Standing Comm		
	30 Months		CANDIDACY
Safe Church, Title IV, Racial Reconciliation training			
Supervised field education General Ordination Exam			
COM Interview/recommendation Letter of support from clergy & vestry to Bishop Consent of Standing Comm			
42 Months		DIACONATE	
		Diocesan Ministry as directed by the Bishop At least 6 months as a Deacon	