



The Episcopal Diocese Of Western New York

Vestry Letter of Support for Ordination to the Diaconate

TO: The Rt. Rev. Stephen T. Lane and the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of WNY

FROM: _____ on: _____
(Name of Parish) (Date)

We, the undersigned, certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that _____ (name) has been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church (Title III, Canon 6, Section 6(b)(2)). This person's manner of life is suitable to the exercise of this ministry and this person is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto.

And moreover, we think _____ (name) a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

This judgment is based on our personal knowledge and other evidence.

Clergy Sponsor _____

Vestry Signatures

_____	_____
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Attestation of Clerk or Recording Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the vestry of _____ (name of parish) in _____ (city), _____ (state), duly convened at _____ (time) on the _____ day of _____ (month), _____ (year), and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of the vestry.

Clerk/Secretary of the Vestry: _____ Date: _____