

Ordination Preparation in the Gulf Atlantic Diocese

One Page Flow Chart

Pre-Aspirant Phase:

- Active in ministry in the church, college or High School ministry
- Able to articulate the Gospel
- Proven leadership
- Teach the Catechism
- Been at sponsoring parish for at least a year
- Rector should send email to Archdeacon and Bishop recommending pre-aspirant

Aspirant:

- Send Personal Information Form
- Meet with Rector to begin Careful Inquiry
- When Careful Inquiry form is submitted, meet with the Bishop (prior to mtg with Parish Discernment Team)
- Meet with Parish Discernment Team
- Submit Aspirant work: Sense of Call, Family History, Spiritual Autobiography, etc.
- Vestry Approval, report submitted
- Interview** with the Ordination Preparation Team to become a Postulant

Postulant:

- Begin writing Ember Day Letters to the Bishop (*continue through to a year after final ordination*)
- Begin regular check-ins with assigned Ordination Process Liaison (*continue until ordination*)
- Begin Theological Education and Mentored Ministry (*continues until complete*)

Assessments:

- Psychological
- Physical
- Background Check
- Ministry Safe & Training on Safeguarding Our People policy
- Sexual Addiction Screening
- Submit Rule of Life
- Interview** with Ordination Preparation Team to become a Candidate

Candidate:

- Canonical Exam
- Resubmit Rule of Life
- Keeping our Sacred Trust (online boundaries training)
- Silent Retreat
- Bishop requests Standing Committee for Consent for your Ordination

Ordinand:

- Diocesan Misconduct Policy Training
- Order vestments
- Pre-Ordination Retreat

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□ Ordination to Diaconate

*This chart is a guide. The Bishop and the OPT reserve the right to add requirements at their discretion.