



Application of Recommendation for Ordination



Diaconate Rank of Cantor (Epsaltos)

CHURCH NAME _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE _____

The following person(s) have been nominated for the ordination to the rank of Cantor (Epsaltos) by the parish priest(s) and the head(s) of the diaconate ministry in the above parish.

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All nominees must meet the appropriate rank requirements established by His Grace Bishop David and the Diocesan Synod of Clergy found on the opposite side of this application form. The completed & signed form must be submitted no later than three days before the proposed date of ordination.

RANK REQUIREMENTS: CANTOR (EPSALTOS)

1. **AGE:** Completed 8yrs of age
 - a. with the exception of at least being 6 years of age if accompanied by his father
 - a. who will serve and chaperone his son during the service.

2. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Maintained at least a good grade point average in school and takes part in Church activities including hymn classes. As a minimum, must have attended a year of hymn class courses consistently.

3. **BEHAVIOR:** Maintains appropriate good behavior in school and at home. Shows reverence and respect at Church during services and Sunday School class. Knows how to behave and has a sense of discipline while in the House of God.

4. **SPIRITUALITY:** Attends Church services regularly and has established a relationship with his Father of confession. Maintains a schedule of prayer, Bible reading and fasting which is supervised by his spiritual Father of confession and parents.

5. **FATHER OF CONFESSION:** Has a Father of confession and meets with him regularly. His Father of confession must attest to his being eligible for the rank of cantor and has explained to him the respect and reverence required of him for such a rank.

6. **KNOWLEDGE OF CHURCH TRADITION:** Must be aware that there are two different Testaments in the Holy Bible. Must recite the four gospel authors, the Lord's Prayer, the Creed of Faith, the Thanksgiving Prayer, and Psalm 50.

7. **SERVICE:** Must attend Church regularly and be taught to stand with reverence with his Father during the liturgical services, with periods of rest. Must attend and be an active participant in Sunday School and Church activities regularly.

PARISH PRIEST(S) SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

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PARISH DEACON/HEAD of DIACONATE MINISTRY

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____



Nominee Recommended for Ordination

Diaconate Rank of Cantor (Epsaltos)



Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

School Grade _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parent 1 Name *(If Applicable)* _____

Parent 1 Telephone _____

Parent1 Email _____

Parent 2 Name *(If Applicable)* _____

Parent 2 Telephone _____

Parent 2 Email _____

Is the nominee and his family a consistent and active attendee of this parish? *(Elaborate)*

Who is the nominee's Father of Confession & has he approved the nomination for ordination? *(Explain)*

Has the recommended nominee met the requirement criteria for the requested rank of Cantor (Epsaltos)?
(Elaborate)

Does the nominee possess a reputation of good conduct, becoming of a servant in this parish? *(Please Explain)*

Does the nominee possess good interpersonal skills at church and in his secular life? *(Explain)*

Please Print and Complete This Page for Each Nominee Recommended for Ordination

Additional Guidelines for Consideration by Parish Priests

These are additional behavioral guidelines recommended to be reviewed by the recommending clergy of the parish with regards to the conduct of the nominee being recommended for ordination to the respective rank.

Behaviors in Secular life that are Incompatible With Any Rank of the Diaconate

1. **Keeping the hair long or a hair style that does not reverently reflect the Diaconate ranks as well as tattoos, piercings, and any type of sexual abuse of the body.**
 - “Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?”
1 Corinthians 11:14
2. **Attending junior high school or senior prom or dances, receptions or parties that do not reflect the dignity of the Diaconate ranks.**
 - “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.”
1 Peter 4:3
3. **Engaged in an inappropriate dating relationship.**
 - “For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust...” 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6
4. **The use of marijuana or use and abuse of any other drugs including alcohol.**
 - “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” 1 Corinthians 6:19
5. **Social media posts containing inappropriate jokes, pictures or anything of the sort that do not reflect the dignity of the Diaconate ranks.**
 - “Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.” 1 Timothy 4:14
6. **Successful Academically & Maintains a Passing GPA & Positive Conduct & Reputation in School.**
 - “The Lord was with Joseph, and he was a successful man...” Genesis 39:2