



Application for Nomination

Diaconate Rank of Reader (Anaghnostis)



CHURCH NAME _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE _____

The following person(s) have been nominated for the ordination to the rank of Reader (Anaghnostis) 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: READER (ANAGHNOSTIS)

1. **AGE:** Completed 16 years of Age
 - a. From the Age of 14 to 15 he will undergo pre-servants training one-year program, and will assist in a Sunday school class, but not be given the right to teach lessons. From the age of 15 to 16 he may, under the supervision of an older experienced servant, give a Sunday School lesson which has been reviewed and approved by an older experienced servant. At the age of 16, and accompanied by another Sunday School servant, he may start to give Sunday school lessons.
 - b. Starting his service at the age of 16, at which time he will be ordained as reader, will give him the chance to become well versed in the service before becoming increasingly occupied with college class responsibilities starting at the age of 18.
2. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Maintains a good grade point average in school and takes part in church youth activities including hymn class, bible study and church retreats. Must be proficient in the Coptic language, reading and writing. As a minimum, must be proficient in standard annual and seasonal congregational responses as well as altar responses. Must have also read the complete New Testament and be proficient in the knowledge basic Church Doctrines and writing of The Fathers of the Church as they pertain to those doctrines including but not limited to St Athanasius the Apostolic, St Cyril the Pillar of Faith and St John Chrysostom. Must be able to read loudly, clearly and slowly.
3. **BEHAVIOR:** Maintains appropriate good behavior and conduct, becoming of an official servant of the church. Shows reverence and respect at church during services and other functions. His life and service responsibilities, displaying an appropriate level of maturity, are reflected in his secular life, not just his spiritual. Does not partake of actions in his secular life that are contradictory to his spiritual life or church position.
4. **SPIRITUALITY:** Attends church services regularly and maintains a close relationship with his father of confession. Maintains a schedule of prayer, Bible reading and fasting, supervised by his spiritual father of confession and which is foundational to his spiritual growth.
5. **FATHER OF CONFESSION:** His father of confession and parish priest must attest and submit to the diocesan bishop a written letter nominating him for the rank of reader. They shall explain to him the respect and obligation required of him for such a rank and the spiritual meaning and responsibility of tonsuring.
6. **KNOWLEDGE OF CHURCH TRADITION:** Must be a consistent and proficient reader of the Holy Bible and Biblical commentary on scripture according to the writings of The Church Fathers.
7. **SERVICE:** Must maintain regular church service attendance and participate in church event and retreat preparation and organization. Must assist his younger brothers and sister in the church with any needs they may have and with their organization during church services as well as assist the subdeacon with any requests they may have.

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

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PARISH DEACON/HEAD of DIACONATE MINISTRY

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____



Nominee Recommended for Ordination

Diaconate Rank of Reader (Anaghnostis)



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 Reader (Anaghnostis)?
(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. **Participating in online gambling or in-person gambling at casinos.**
 - “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”
Exodus 20:17