



Application for Nomination

Diaconate Rank of Subdeacon (Epidiacon)



CHURCH NAME _____

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE _____

The following person(s) have been nominated for the ordination to the rank of Subdeacon (Epidiacon) 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: SUBDEACON (EPIDIACON)

1. **Age:** Completed 24 years of Age
2. **Achievements:** Must have completed a college bachelor's degree and have a successful work position. Must be a stable and well balanced individual capable of working and taking a leadership role in groups as well as completing responsibilities effectively. Must be proficient in standard annual and seasonal congregational responses and altar responses in addition to praise hymnology.
3. **Behavior:** In addition to the requirements of a Reader, he must possess leadership skills and wise decision making and good communication and follow-up skills. He should take an active interest in the development and well-being of his fellow brothers in the lesser deaconate ranks. 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 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:** In addition to the requirements of a Reader, he must have an active role in the leadership and organization of the church and spiritual growth of church youth. He must be seen as a mentor and be looked up to by the younger youth as well as respected by the older congregants.
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 Subdeacon. The shall explain to him the respect and obligation required of him for such a rank and the impact his actions have on the younger church youth and that reflect of the church as a whole.
6. **Knowledge of Church Tradition:** In addition to the requirements of a Reader, he must be able explain with ease Biblical teachings and church doctrine using said resources. Must have a good amount of knowledge of modern day orthodox writings as well as comparative philosophies and heretical teachings. Must also be familiar with current social issues and church stances on controversial topics.
7. **Service:** In addition to the requirements of a Reader, must maintain regular church service attendance and participate in church event and retreat preparation and organization. Each subdeacon will be responsible as leader and mentor for a group of readers and cantors. They will follow-up with regards to the achievements and spiritual development of the members in their group and will organize the service schedule and preparation required of each member in the group. The subdeacon will be responsible for making sure the members in his group attend church services regularly and will follow-up and ask about them when they do not attend. The subdeacon is responsible for visiting and spending time with the members and acting as an 'Older Brother' and establishing a special bond of love, acting as a support resource in each member's life.

PARISH PRIEST(S) SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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PARISH DEACON/HEAD of DIACONATE MINISTRY

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



Nominee Recommended for Ordination
Diaconate Rank of Subdeacon (Epidiacon)



Name _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Level of Study or Professional Position _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

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

Has the recommended nominee met the requirement criteria for the requested rank of Subdeacon (Epidiacon)? (*Specify*)

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

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

Does the nominee oversee or take part in a current ministry in this parish? (*Specify*)

Does the nominee portray leadership & mentoring skills? (*Elaborate*)

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