

4.--Candidates for Ordination

1. Candidates for the Orders of Transitional Deacon or Priest shall be required to hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited university and a degree in Theology from a seminary approved by the Bishop.
2. Candidates for the Vocational Diaconate must complete a minimum two year process of study established by the Deacon's Board.
3. In all cases the educational requirements may be dispensed with, at the discretion of the Bishop.
4. No person shall be ordained into the Orders of Deacon or Priest until he/she shall have been examined by one or more examining Chaplains appointed for that purpose by the Bishop. Such examiners must be satisfied of the candidate's competency in all academic, theological and doctrinal requirements, including an adequate understanding of Holy Scripture and pastoral practice, and must be satisfied that the candidate possesses adequate homiletical and liturgical skills. Additionally, the examining chaplains must be satisfied that the candidate possesses the necessary skills to provide missional leadership in the current societal environment. These skills may include, but are not limited to, the ability to: provide vision to a congregation; inspire and equip lay leadership for ministry; work in a team environment; and be a strong presence in the community.
5. Before a candidate is ordained, the Bishop shall be satisfied of the candidate's personal suitability for Holy Orders and the candidate's personal commitment to Jesus Christ. Before ordination, an attestation in the form usually called "*Si Quis*" shall be publicly read in the parish/congregation of which the candidate is a member, and letters testimonial shall be submitted.