



## DIOCESE OF HURON

### POSTULANCY PROCESS

#### a Person Discerning a Call to become a Priest (For Specialized Ministry)

#### **Applicant:**

- Meet with Diocesan Executive Archdeacon
- Provide the following documentation to the Executive Archdeacon by either August 31<sup>st</sup> or February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Resume
  - Application for Sponsorship
  - Letter of Support from Parish Leadership
  - Sponsoring Priest's Applicant Assessment Form (This may be sent directly to the Executive Archdeacon by the priest.)
  - Copy of Driver's Licence (A valid driver's licence is generally a requirement for successful performance as a parish priest.)
  - Copy of Baptism Certificate
  - Copy of Confirmation Certificate
  - Police Records Check
- Applicant meets with the Intake Committee who makes a determination as to whether or not the applicant should proceed to the next step.
- Applicant has an interview with one of the bishops who determines whether or not applicant is admitted to the postulancy process.
- At any point in this process, the applicant may be asked to undergo specific testing to determine his/her aptitude for ordained ministry.

#### **Postulant:**

- The postulant is assigned an Examining Chaplain. The chaplain helps guide the postulant through the process and reports the postulant's progress to the Postulancy Board. It is the postulant's responsibility to ensure that he/she is in regular contact with his/her chaplain.
- During his/her postulancy, a postulant is required to:
  - Successfully complete the prescribed training course.
  - Attend an ACPO (Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination) Conference. You will usually receive one to two months notice of the conference which will allow adequate time for you to complete the necessary paperwork for this.

- Attend the Fall Postulancy event which is held annually on a Friday to Saturday in September or early October.
- Meet regularly with a spiritual director.
- The postulant may be required to do an internship of 3-6 months in another parish.
- The Postulancy Board may require the Postulant to successfully complete a basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.

### **Ordinand:**

- A postulant may be raised to ordinand status by the Postulancy Board when he/she is close to completing the above requirements.
- A postulant must have been Confirmed, Received, or been a regular Communicant in the Anglican Communion for at least three years prior to being considered for ordination.
- Being raised to ordinand status does not guarantee ordination which is always the prerogative of the Diocesan Bishop.

### **Deacon:**

- The diocesan Bishop, at his/her sole discretion decides whether and when to ordain an Ordinand to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Attend pre- and post-ordination training and retreats to address vocational and practical matters around priestly ministry, canons, constitution, practices, policies, and procedures. Pre-ordination retreats are mandatory. Non-stipendiary clergy are strongly encouraged to attend other training events as their employment situation allows.
- Continue to meet with Examining Chaplain.
- Assigned a mentor for a two year period. This mentor does NOT report to the Postulancy Board or to the Bishop's Office.
- Attendance at Bishops' Clergy Conference, Annual Meeting of Synod, and participation in Deanery Clericus and Deanery Council is recommended.
- Attend diocesan events (synod services, ordinations, inductions, etc.) as possible.
- Postulancy Board may recommend ordination to the priesthood. Ordination as a deacon does not guarantee ordination to the priesthood.

**Priest:**

- At an appropriate time, the Diocesan Bishop will decide whether and when to ordain to the priesthood.
- Continue to attend Post-Ordination Training program