



## **The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes**

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE STEPS FOR CALL TO ORDERS**

*For those discerning a Call to be ordained in the Anglican Church in  
Anglican Church in North America*

1. All applicants must follow the most currently published ADGL resources related to the Ordination Track found on the diocesan website, and particularly in the Bishop's Customary on Ordination. This ensures that we are in compliance with all ACNA Canons.
2. Those inquiring about ordained ministry begin the discernment process in their local parish where they must be a Confirmed member, resident, and active for at least a year. Those beginning discernment towards ordination have an initial conversation with their Rector, who will then act as their Sponsoring Priest. The Sponsoring Priest sends a "Letter of Recommendation" for those desiring to enter discernment for ordination to the diocesan office and the inquirer before the parish discernment process begins. The Bishop, his Canon for Leadership Development, and the Vocations Committee guide the process as it continues.
3. The Sponsoring Priest sends a letter of recommendation to the Bishop, cc'd to the Canon for Leadership Development, and the Inquirer. Upon receipt of the letter of recommendation in the diocesan office, a file will be opened for the Inquirer who will then send an Application to the diocese following the instructions on the Application and in the Bishop's Customary. After submitting the Application and fees, the Applicant will contact the Canon for Administration who will arrange for the Applicant to take a Psychological Evaluation and complete background checks.
4. When the Application, background checks, and Psych Evaluation are complete, the diocesan office will contact the Sponsoring Priest who uses guidelines and resources found on the ADGL website to convene the Parish Discernment Team which will meet with the Aspirant over a period of three to six months. Positive or negative recommendations of the PDT, the Vestry, and the Sponsoring Priest are sent to the Diocese. Those Aspirants approved at the parish level submit further documentation and a letter of intent to proceed to the Postulant stage.
5. The Bishop will meet with the Applicant for discussion of educational options, approval of the educational plan, and then the Aspirant will be recognized as a Postulant. All eligible Postulants and transitional Deacons will have exams.
6. All fees, required documents, and assessments must be completed before ordination takes place. All essays, reports, and applicable files will be forwarded to the Bishop and the Vocations Committee before a final interview. If appropriate, the Vocations Committee will issue the Call to Orders and the Postulant will be recognized as a Candidate for Holy Orders.
7. The Candidate will have an Ordination Retreat using materials from the diocese and a date for ordination will be determined; diaconal ordinations normally take place once each year at the Fall Synod while priestly ordinations normally take place in the Candidate's cure.