

Appendix G

A personal, handwritten, and signed letter prepared for the diocesan bishop by the aspirant requesting admission to the candidate stage of formation, as well as the reception of the Rite of Admission to Candidacy. In his letter, the aspirant must state his motivation and reasons for the requests. If he is married, he must indicate his awareness of the impact of diaconal ordination and ministry on his marriage and family; he also must state that he has received the consent of his wife. If he is not married, he should indicate his awareness of the meaning of diaconal ordination and ministry, as well as his understanding of and ability to live the requirement of perpetual celibacy, which also applies to a married deacon should his wife predecease him following ordination or in the event of a subsequent civil divorce.

Enrollment among the candidates for the diaconate does not constitute any right necessarily to receive diaconal ordination. It is the first official recognition of the positive signs of the vocation to the diaconate, which must be confirmed in the subsequent years of formation.

This same format is required for Candidates writing a letter requesting Rite of Lector and Rite of Acolyte.

Letter _____

DATE

Most Reverend Michael Fisher,

As I continue on in my formation process, and discern my call to the Diaconate, I find myself growing spiritually and academically. For example, *(State your current situation and how you feel you have grown, covering all 4 dimensions of formation, intellectual, spiritual, human, and pastoral - This should be at least 1- 2 pages)*

I therefore, humbly request the Rite of *Candidacy* so that I may continue to discern my service to the Church and to God.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Name

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******On a separate page******

Letter in support of Husband

Date

Most Reverend Michael Fisher,

As my husband continues in my formation process, I see growth within him where he is ready for the next stage of formation. *(State your current situation and how you feel he has grown This should be at least 1 page)*

I therefore, I humbly request the Rite of *Candidacy* for my husband so that he may continue to discern his service to the Church and to God.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Name of wife

All Letters are written in hand, (cursive.)

All Letters are due to the office by September 1st, prior to the new formation year - Please mail to:

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Buffalo, NY 14203