



OATH OF FIDELITY

I, _____, a candidate for the Diaconate of the Roman Catholic Church, promise that in my words and conduct I shall always faithfully serve the Diocese of Buffalo while also preserving communion with the entire Catholic Church.

I shall carry out with the greatest care and fidelity the duties incumbent on me toward the Church, both universal and particular, in which, according to the provisions of the law, I have been called to exercise my service.

In fulfilling the charge entrusted to me in the name of the Church, I shall hold fast to the deposit of faith in its entirety; I shall faithfully hand it on and explain it, and I shall avoid any teachings contrary to it.

I shall follow and foster the common discipline of the Church and observe all ecclesiastical laws, especially those contained in the Code of Canon Law. With Christian obedience, I shall follow what the Bishops, as authentic doctors and teachers of the faith, declare, or what they, as those who govern the Church, establish.

I shall faithfully observe confidentiality within the limits and according to the prescriptions of the law and of the competent ecclesiastical authority. I shall also faithfully assist the Diocesan Bishops so that the apostolic activity, exercised in the name and by mandate of the Church, may be carried out in communion with the Church.

So help me God, and God's holy Gospels on which I place my hand.

_____ Date

_____ Canonical Notary