

Process Leading to Ordination to the Vocational Diaconate

Timing	Process Steps	Coursework	Formation	
YEAR 1 beginning discernment	Conversations with Sponsoring Presbyter			
before February 15	Sponsoring Presbyter nominates person to Bishop Suffragan			
before May 15	Completion of parish-level discernment: materials sent to diocese			Nominee
July/August	Meets with Bishop Suffragan, if accepted becomes intern			Nominee/ Intern
before July 15	Complete mandated training and screening: background, psychological, physical		Anti-racism training Safe Church training	Intern
September 15- Epiphany	Discernment Internship		The Diaconate - Readings and Conversations	Intern
YEAR 2 January	Meets with COM-D for postulancy interview. If granted postulancy, begins formation classes			Postulant
January-October		Classes in OT, NT, Church History	Co-curricular education meetings with current diocesan deacons	Postulant
July-December	Field education Internship (some overlaps Church History Course)		Training in liturgics and Homiletics	Postulant
YEAR 3 January-October	Meet with COM-D and Standing Committee In May re: Candidacy	CPE	Integrative learning with didactics in Theology and Ethics	Postulant/ Candidate
November	Meet with COM-D and Standing Committee re: Ordination	Title IV before Ordination		Candidate
January	Ordination			Deacon