



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 as a Deacon or Presbyter
in the 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. This ensures that we are in compliance with all ACNA Canons.
2. Those interested in ministry possibilities within a parish, or inquiring about ordination begin the discernment process in their local parish where they must be resident and active for at least a year. After an initial conversation with their rector, he or she then acts as their Sponsoring Priest. This Sponsoring Priest is generally the first to be in communication with the diocesan office regarding discernment for ordination via a letter of intent before the parish discernment process begins.
3. The Sponsoring Priest utilizes the diocesan guidelines and resources to set up or convene a Parish Vocations Committee to meet with the Inquirer in a series of meetings over a period of three to six months. Positive or negative recommendations of the PVC, the Vestry, and the Sponsoring Priest are sent to the Diocese. Those Inquirers who are approved at the parish level submit an application and fee to commence the diocesan discernment process. The Canon for Leadership Development, in conjunction with the Vocations Committee, will assist in guiding the process as it continues.
4. Upon the Bishop's direction, the Canon for Leadership Development will arrange for the applicant to meet with an Examining Chaplain and take a Psychological Exam.
5. Applicant's essays, reports, and applicable files will be forwarded to Vocations Committee and the Bishop. The Bishop will meet with the Applicant and upon his approval, he or she will be recognized as a candidate for Holy Orders.
6. The Canon for Leadership Development will arrange for an exam and take all eligible Candidates before the Vocations Committee for a discernment interview.
7. If appropriate, the Vocations Committee will issue the Call to Orders.
8. Upon Call to Orders, the Canon for Leadership Development will arrange an Ordination Retreat for Candidates and a date for ordination will be determined.