

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AS A POSTULANT FOR HOLY ORDERS
[Title III – Canon 8.3(a)(6)]

Name in full: _____ Marital Status _____

Address (home): _____ Tel. home _____

Address (other): _____ Tel. cell _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Soc. Sec. #: _____ Email: _____

Communicant of what Parish: _____ How Long: _____

Length of time a Communicant in Diocese of Western MA: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Place: _____ Officiant: _____

Date of Confirmation _____ Place: _____ Bishop: _____

Where first admitted to Holy Communion: _____ Date: _____

Have you ever before applied for Admission as a Postulant or Candidate for Holy Orders? _____

If yes, please explain the circumstances in an appended note.

What is your educational preparation?

High School: _____ Were you graduated: _____ When: _____

College: _____ Degree Received: _____ When: _____

Graduate level: _____ Degree Received: _____ When: _____

Any additional training or education: (Please attach transcripts of College and Graduate School record.) _____

Please list any business experience, jobs held, military service, etc., since High School, with dates:

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| <i>Father's Name:</i> | _____ | <i>Living?</i> | _____ |
| <i>Father's Address:</i> | _____ | <i>Occupation:</i> | _____ |
| <i>Mother's Maiden Name:</i> | _____ | <i>Living?</i> | _____ |
| <i>Mother's Address:</i> | _____ | <i>Occupation:</i> | _____ |
| <i>Spouse's Name: (in full)</i> | _____ | <i>Occupation:</i> | _____ |
| <i>Spouse's Date of Birth:</i> | _____ | | |
| <i>Highest level of spouse's education</i> | _____ | | |

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| <i>Children:</i> | | |
| | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
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Please confine your essay to no more than five typewritten, double-spaced pages, and attach to your application.

On what grounds you have been moved to seek the Sacred Ministry.

Write a brief account on your religious life history and of your present religious convictions focusing on your reasons for seeking ordination rather than deepening and extending your present lay ministry. In your essay, please address the following question:

1. Given the centrality of lay ministry, why do you feel called to the ordained ministry?
2. What personal support systems are in place to help you through this process?
3. Is your spouse and family supportive of your engagement in this process?

Please submit reference letters from (1) a presbyter, not your rector (2) A co-worker (3) A church friend (4) A friend outside the church.

If the process does not result in postulancy, I understand that I will continue to seek to discern the lay ministry to which I am called. I understand that after ordination I may not be able to support myself full time in the church.

Please enclose three small photos of yourself.

Make check out to “*Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*” with memo: “*Postulancy Application*”

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| <i>Signature</i> | <i>Date</i> |
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