# Anglican Diocese of Niagara

## Application for Ordination to the Priesthood Process

Minimum of one year—typically during first year of theological college

**Annual Application Deadline: June 1**

Call to Ordination to the Priesthood
Discussions with Rector

Meeting with the Director of Human Resources

Familiarization leading to Parish Commendation

Submissions to Diocese:
Application for Ordination and Parish Commendation

Fall

Candidates Committee Interviews
Interview with the Bishop may follow; those recommended become candidates and receive formation recommendations
If not recommended: Process concludes

Chaplain Assigned

Winter

Event for Candidates (and Partners)

Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination (ACPO)

Spring

Vocational/Psychological Assessment

Fall

Candidates Committee Interviews
If recommended: Candidacy continues
If not recommended: Process concludes

Ongoing discernment and preparation as required

Spring

Candidates Committee Interviews
If recommended: Interview with the Bishop and ongoing development guidance may be offered
If not recommended: Process concludes

Summer/Fall

Ordination

Ongoing Discernment

Parish Placements

Meet regularly with spiritual director

Academic Courses—completion of MDiv requirements or equivalent

CPE or Equivalent Requirement

Special Diocesan Training

Full process may take two or more years; process time may be shortened if approved by another diocese and training is complete

**At no time during the candidacy/postulancy process can the diocese guarantee ordination to an applicant**

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