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: February1

Winter/Spring

Spring or Fall

Spring or Fall

Fall

Spring

Spring

Spring

Call to Ordination to the Priesthood
Discussions with Rector

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Meeting with the Bishop

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Meeting with Executive Assistant—requesting Application for Ordination and Parish Commendation

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Familiarization leading to Parish Commendation

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Applications Due - includes application form, parish commendation, and police record/vulnerable sector check

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Applicant Interview Day - includes two interviews, homily delivery, and discussion group. Those recommended become candidates. If not recommended, process ends. → Chaplain & Mentor Assigned

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Event for Candidates (and Partners)

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Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination (ACPO)

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Working Groups for Candidates and Candidates Committee

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Vocational/Psychological Assessment

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Candidates Interview Day - If recommended: Interview with the Bishop and ongoing development guidance may be offered. If not recommended: process ends

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Ordination

Ongoing Discernment

Parish Placements

Meet regularly with spiritual director

Candidate meets regularly with mentor

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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