

**HOLY ORDERS, FORM 4: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR POSTULANCY**

(In accordance with Title III.Canon 6 Sec. 2(a) and Title III. Canon 8 Sec. 2(a); 2018 Canons)

To: The Bishop  
The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee  
3700 Woodmont Boulevard  
Nashville, TN 37215

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_

We (the Member of the Clergy and two-thirds majority of the Vestry), whose names are hereunder written, testify to the best of our belief and personal knowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ has met six times with a Vocational Discernment Committee, two members of that committee not being members of this parish; and that s/he is a communicant of this Parish in good standing. We do furthermore recommend further discernment of the applicant for Holy Orders by the Diocese, and admission as a Postulant for Holy Orders. We base our decision on the attached documentation and recommendations of the Vocational Discernment Committee.\*\*

We pledge to contribute financially to the preparation for ordination of \_\_\_\_\_ should s/he be admitted as a postulant for the diaconate/priesthood (circle one).

We also pledge to involve this congregation in the preparation for ordination of \_\_\_\_\_ should s/he be admitted as a postulant for the diaconate/priesthood (circle one).<sup>1</sup>

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> This financial support includes, but is not limited to: paying for the psych evaluation, medical evaluation, and background check.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Priest: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Attestation of Clerk or Recording Secretary:

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish, in \_\_\_\_\_ duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m/p.m. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year \_\_\_\_\_ and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of the Vestry.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk/Secretary of Vestry)

\*\*Please attach recommendation of Vocational Discernment Committee

Note: No person seeking Holy Orders shall sign any of the certificates prescribed by the Canons (Title III.5.2a; 2012 Canons).