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).1

Signed:

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