

Letter requesting Holy Orders

Before ordination each Candidate shall be prepared in and demonstrate basic competence in five general areas:

- (1) Academic studies including, The Holy Scriptures, theology, and the tradition of the Church.
- (2) Diakonia and the diaconate. (Service)
- (3) Human awareness and understanding.
- (4) Spiritual development and discipline.
- (5) Practical training and experience.

Reflect on these 5 areas when requesting Holy Orders and be able to speak of them in your letter.

Address the letter to:

Most Rev. Michael Fisher

Salutation: Your Excellency.

Your wife is also requested to write a letter in support of you in the same manner. In her letter I ask her to do the following after taking it to prayer:

- Consider the task at hand and what you will be submitting to as a deacon and a life of ministry to the church.
- Reflect on your growth spiritually, humanly, pastorally, and intellectually.
- She is requested to write the letter addressed to Bishop Michael Fisher but keeping in mind you will be reading it.
- I ask your wife to not show it to you. After completing it, put it in an envelope and seal it. Put his name on the outside of the envelope and give it to the director on the formation weekend in March.
- I will give it to you to see for the first time when you come on Canonical Retreat. It is a canonical requirement to be ordained and he needs to be present for the entire time. When you are on retreat, you will reflect upon formation as a whole and write your own letter requesting orders. It will be handed in at the end of the weekend.