

# PASTOR / ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION

Dear Pastor/Pastoral Administrator/Temporary Administrator:

\_\_\_\_\_ has expressed interest in the Permanent Diaconate by entering the Inquiry Path to continue discerning his call to ordained service in the Church. Please complete the following form and return it to directly to Deacon Tim Chriswell, Director of Deacons, 795 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203. Thank you for your time.

Will your parish be willing to financially support this man by subsidizing his fees/tuition for his classes during this time of inquiry through the Jordan Scholarship Fund? \_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO

**Please complete this form and send it directly to the Office for the Permanent Diaconate.**

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Using a scale of 1-5, please rate the applicant according to these qualities: (5=excellent, 1=poor) **You may leave**

**blank any item that you do not feel knowledgeable enough about the applicant and/or his spouse to comment.**

\_\_\_ Natural inclination of service to the Christian community and to all in need

\_\_\_ Psychological integrity

\_\_\_ Capacity for dialogue, which implies a sense of docility and openness

\_\_\_ Ability to share one's faith yet be tolerant of other points of view

\_\_\_ Capacity to listen carefully, and non-judgmentally – respecting people in the context of their religion, race, gender, ethnicity, culture, or lifestyle

\_\_\_ Good communication skills

\_\_\_ Generosity in service

\_\_\_ Ability to lead, motivate, facilitate, and animate other into appropriate action and service.

\_\_\_ Sound faith

\_\_\_ Good reputation

\_\_\_ Active involvement in ministry

\_\_\_ Regular participation in the Church's sacramental life

\_\_\_ Evidence of recognized, ongoing commitment to the Church's life and service

\_\_\_ Participation in faith enrichment opportunities (e.g., retreats, days of recollection, adult education programming)

\_\_\_ Positive and stable marriage, if married, or a mature celibate state of life, if single

\_\_\_ Capacity for obedience and fraternal communion

\_\_\_ Deep spirituality and prayer life

Has the applicant, or if married, his wife, ever publicly opposed by word or action current teaching or practice of the Catholic Church?  YES  NO If "yes", please explain:

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Areas of Church and community life in which the applicant has demonstrated service:

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In your opinion, is the applicant known and respected by the community?  YES  NO

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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If the applicant is married, has he his wife's support to enter the Inquiry process?  YES  NO

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Do you recommend this applicant's acceptance into the Aspirancy stage? (first formal step)

YES  NO Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What specifically about this applicant suggests he has the call to be a deacon? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please comment on the preparedness of this applicant, specifically regarding his personal and spiritual maturity, and the timeliness, specifically with respect to his current family and professional commitments, of his entering into diaconal formation currently. To extent it is possible; please also convey your appreciation of the source and manifestation of the applicant's desire to enter diaconate formation. You may attach a printed statement or use the reverse side of this paper if necessary.

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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_