

Pr4: COM CERTIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Diocese of California 2014

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Canon III 8.5 of the Canons of the Episcopal Church (2012) regarding ordination to the priesthood states:

(f) Formation shall include theological training, practical experience, emotional development, and spiritual formation.

(g) Subject areas for study during this program of preparation shall include:

- (1) The Holy Scriptures.
- (2) Church History, including the Ecumenical Movement.
- (3) Christian Theology, including Missionary Theology and Missiology.
- (4) Christian Ethics and Moral Theology.
- (5) Studies in contemporary society, including the historical and contemporary experience of racial and minority groups, and cross-cultural ministry skills. Cross-cultural ministry skills may include the ability to communicate in a contemporary language other than one's first language.
- (6) Liturgics and Church Music; Christian Worship and Music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, and authorized supplemental texts.
- (7) Theory and practice of ministry, including leadership, and the ministries of evangelism and stewardship.

(h) Preparation for ordination shall include training regarding

- (1) prevention of sexual misconduct.
- (2) civil requirements for reporting and pastoral opportunities for responding to evidence of abuse.
- (3) the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, particularly Title IV thereof.
- (4) the Church's teaching on racism.

COM RECOMMENDATION

I certify on behalf of the Commission on Ministry that _____
has successfully completed the formation required in Canon III.8.5 as demonstrated by
academic training, field education, CPE, required topic specific trainings, the Graduate
Ordination Exams and a portfolio all of which have been reviewed and accepted by the
Commission and the Diocesan Board of Examining Chaplains.

I further certify that at a regular meeting of the Commission on Ministry held on
_____ the Commission acted affirmatively on the application of
_____ for ordination to the Priesthood, and we do
recommend him/her to the Standing Committee for its favorable recommendation to the Bishop
for ordination to the Priesthood.

Signature _____

Chair, Commission on Ministry

Date

Print name _____