**The Episcopal Diocese of Maine   
 Application for Ordination to the Diaconate (Transitional)**

To the Bishop of Maine:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, admitted to Postulancy on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to Candidacy on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hereby make application to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons, with intention to seek ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests.

I submit the following materials in support of my application, if not already submitted:

* Application to the bishop submitted on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Signature page:

“Support of an Application for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate”

* Letter of Endorsement: Priest-in-Charge/Sr. Warden
* Letter of Endorsement: Vestry \*
* Successful completion of the General Ordination Examination, or equivalent, or remediation (circle one) and date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*
* Completion of seminary program or alternate and date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Letter of recommendation from seminary, or alternate\*
* Conversation with the Bishop regarding placement options as

a transitional deacon

* Conversation with a member of the Bishop’s staff and completion of

the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) Portfolio

* Certificate: Safe Church from the Episcopal Church in Maine\*\*
* Education: Anti-Racism\*\*
* Education: Title IV\*\*
* Education: Court Mandated Reporting\*\*
* CPE Final Report: Supervisor\*\*
* CPE Final Report: Candidate\*\*
* Final Report of Field Education: Candidate\*\*
* Final Report of Field Education: Supervisor\*\*
* Psychological Evaluation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Background Check Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Other

*\*Canonically required*

*\*\*If not previously submitted for Candidacy*

*This application is not considered complete until all materials*

*are received by the bishop’s office.*

*Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

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To the Bishop of Maine:

We, whose names are written hereunder, believe, based on personal knowledge or on evidence satisfactory to us, that

*Print Name Clearly*

is a sober, honest, and godly person, and has been a communicant in good standing since \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We do further declare that, in our opinion, they possess such qualifications as fit them to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons, with the intention to seek ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests.

**Signatures**

**Vestry**

**or other designated community of faith**

*(to be signed by two-thirds majority)*

Total number of vestry members:\_\_\_\_\_

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**Attestation**

We hereby certify that this certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of

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Name of Congregation or Community of Faith

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Date

and that the names attached are those of all, or a two-thirds majority, of the members of the Vestry.

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Clerk of the Vestry

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Priest in Charge of Congregation or Community of Faith



***Please attach the vestry’s statement and the letter of the Priest-in-Charge***

***describing the grounds upon which you have made your judgment of this applicant’s qualifications.***