

SOCIAL HISTORY

**Commission on Ministry
Diocese of Fort Worth**

Please place recent photo of yourself here.

Name _____
Birthdate: _____ Sex: M / F
Order of ministry sought: _____

Email: _____ Phone(s) _____
Address: _____
City / State / Zip _____ Parish: _____
Marital Status: _____ Date of Marriage _____
Name of Spouse: _____ Age of Spouse: _____
Number of Marriages: _____ Length of Marriages: Present _____ Previous _____

List the name, age, and sex of each child of the household and indicate which are still at home.

	Name	Age	Sex	At Home
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____

If there are other family members living in the household, indicate below the relationship and age.

In a sentence or two, how would you describe your physical and psychological health?

IMPORTANT: READ CAREFULLY

On the remaining pages of your Social History Form, we are asking for serious personal reflection on your life and that of your family. We will ask for some past experiences as well as your hopes for the future. This information is required, so take these pages seriously. They will help us help you discern the direction of God's call. Follow the directions on each page. If absolutely necessary, you may add pages. After you have completed all of the pages, insert any additional pages in the appropriate place, staple all of the papers together, and send them to the Diocesan office. The address is on the final page. In addition to completed pages, please include:

- A standard "Vita" or personal resume.
- Two letters of recommendations: One from your Priest; the other from a Lay Person in your Parish. These letters should describe how they feel about your desire to become a Postulant, your suitability at this time, your participation in the parish, and your relationships with your family and others in the parish and community.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

In the space below, tell us something about (a) your family background; (b) where you grew up; (c) your siblings and your relationship with them; (d) your parents and their marital history; and (e) your own family and marriages (s).

EDUCATIONAL AND WORK BACKGROUND

Name _____

A. Beginning with High School, list the following information about each school, college, university attended, including the present course of study if currently enrolled.

	Name of School	Years Enrolled		Degree	Grade Average	Major Subject
		From	To			
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

B. List your present and previous places of employment beginning with the present one, length of tenure and your primary responsibilities.

	Place of Employment	Years		Responsibilities
		From	To	
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____

C. Briefly, how would finance your education and training for ordination?

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EDUCATIONAL AND WORK BACKGROUND CONTINUED

Tell us about your educational background from the viewpoint of the kind of student you were/are. If you attended college or graduate school, what was/is your academic focus? Tell us something about your work history, present employment and your extra-curricular or social activities. Add another page if necessary.

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

Name _____

Write briefly about your religious background. Have you always been an Episcopalian? In what areas are you active in the church? What have you done in the past? Have you been involved in any of the current renewal movements such as Cursillo, Marriage Encounter, charismatic movement, etc.? Have you been involved in any social outreach programs?

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RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND CONTINUED

EXPLORING ORDINATION

In a paragraph or two, describe how your family and friends feel about your exploration of the ordained ministry?

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Name _____

Now, having completed the proceeding pages, we would like you to write a spiritual autobiography. This is intended to be an important piece of work that should be done thoughtfully and carefully. It will provide us with some insight into your religious development.

Please describe the process of personal spiritual growth that led to your application to seek ordination. Include such information as your relationship as a young person to the Church and your religious experience at that time. Include the significant persons, events and experiences that have shaped your life and have led you to this point in your spiritual journey.

The autobiography should discuss the way you picture or imagine God in your personal relationship to Him as well as moments of special or closer than usual experiences of the presence of God.

It is assumed that all along the way, you have had discussions with your Priest. However, it is important that you give him an opportunity to hear your spiritual autobiography. You may add as many pages as necessary. When all of the Social History is complete, staple your work together and mail to:

Commission on Ministry for the Priesthood
The Episcopal Diocese of Ft. Worth
2900 Alameda St.
Ft. Worth, TX 76108

Don't forget the letters from your Priest and a Lay Person.

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SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY CONTINUED