

**HOLY ORDERS, FORM 4**  
**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR POSTULANCY**  
**THE DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE**

(In accordance with Title III. Canon 6 Sec. 2(a) and Title III. Canon 8 Sec. 2(a); 2018 Canons)

To:           The Bishop  
              The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee  
              3700 Woodmont Boulevard  
              Nashville, TN 37215

Name of Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ (If in-person)

Means:

\_\_\_\_\_ In-person.   \_\_\_\_\_ Electronic (Zoom, Google Meet, etc.).   \_\_\_\_\_ Combination

We (the Member of the Clergy and two-thirds majority of the Vestry), whose names are hereunder written, testify to the best of our belief and personal knowledge that

\_\_\_\_\_

has met six times with a Vocational Discernment Committee, two members of that committee not being members of this parish; and that s/he is a communicant of this Parish in good standing. We do furthermore recommend further discernment of the applicant for Holy Orders by the Diocese, and admission as a Postulant for Holy Orders. We base our decision on the attached documentation and recommendations of the Vocational Discernment Committee.<sup>1</sup>

We pledge to contribute financially to the preparation for ordination of

\_\_\_\_\_

should s/he be admitted as a postulant for the diaconate/priesthood (circle one).<sup>2</sup>

We also pledge to involve this congregation in the preparation for ordination of \_\_\_\_\_ should s/he be admitted as a postulant for the diaconate/priesthood (circle one).

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<sup>1</sup> Please attach recommendation of Vocational Discernment Committee.

<sup>2</sup> This financial support includes the expectation to pay for the cost of Psychological and Medical evaluations, as well as an appropriate background check. Contact Sandra Beld (sbeld@edtn.org) for more information.

Signed:

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Priest: \_\_\_\_\_

Attestation of Clerk or Recording Secretary:

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry/Mission Council of \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_ duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m/p.m. on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, year \_\_\_\_\_ and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of the Vestry.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk/Secretary of Vestry)

***Note: No person seeking Holy Orders shall sign any of the certificates prescribed by the Canons (Title III.5.2a; 2018 Canons).***