SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR INQUIRY YEAR

1. Pray, pray, pray!

2. Spend lots of time talking things over with your spouse and children

3. Do some reading on the diaconate:

   *Here are a few good introductions to the diaconate:


   *In addition, Abbey Press is the publisher of *Deacon Digest*, a magazine published six times per year and covering a variety of topics relevant to diaconal life and ministry. You may want to subscribe or borrow copies from a deacon you know. Further information can be found at [www.deacondigest.com](http://www.deacondigest.com), or by contacting the publisher at the following:

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4. Visit with deacons and their wives

5. Get together as inquirers / families – for prayer and conversation

6. Call / e-mail / visit with the director

7. Visit with your pastor

8. Do VIRTUS training

9. Be active in parish ministries and in community service

10. Start learning Spanish


   From there, you can link to a number of other sites with information about the diaconate and diaconal ministry.