

## Inquirer's Questionnaire

Before completing this questionnaire please review the prerequisites regarding the suitability of an applicant who has expressed a desire to become a deacon.

### General Information

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Your Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Your Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Your wife's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Deanery \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Were you born in the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you a Naturalized Citizen of the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

### **If you were not born in the United States:**

Please indicate the **country of your birth.** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the **type of visa** issued \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a *United States Permanent Resident Card* (Green Card)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How did you obtain your "Green Card?" \_\_\_\_\_

### Educational Background

*[Although an inquirer having a **high school diploma** or its **equivalent (GED)** will be considered for admission to the Inquiry Period, the current norm is for each Inquirer to have an undergraduate degree.]*

### **Please provide the name of each school or institute attended.**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date completed \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. of Grad. \_\_\_\_\_

Grad. School: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. of Grad. \_\_\_\_\_

Other educational training: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Life - An inquirer must be an active parishioner for three years or more and must be known by the parish community.**

In which ministries have you served your parish? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any deacons currently assigned to your parish? \_\_\_\_\_

If there are deacon[s] assigned to your parish, how many are there? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the names of the Deacons in your parish? Use the back of this sheet if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you know of any objections raised either by your parish community or your family (wife or children) to your desire to enter the diaconate formation program? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your wife's involvement in the parish \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Life**

Do you have a spiritual director? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How often do you meet with your spiritual director? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a regular confessor? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Do you regularly attend Sunday Mass? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you pray the Liturgy of the Hours? \_\_\_\_\_

What Catholic journals or magazines do you read? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Sacramental Marriage – Before admission to the Formation Program an applicant must be in a stable sacramental marriage for no fewer than 5 years.**

Name of Church where married: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the gender and ages of your children: (e.g. Male/18) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Is your wife supportive of your desire to begin diaconal formation? \_\_\_\_\_

**Canonical Issues Regarding Marriage** – If applicable please answer the following questions.

**NOTE: Even civil marriages and marriages that took place in a non-Catholic church will need an Annulment or a Declaration of Nullity.**

*(Your Previous Marriage History (Including any and all Civil Marriages))*

Former Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of the First Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Length of the Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Was the wedding performed in a Catholic church? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If a Catholic wedding what was the Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

If in a church other than Catholic, what denomination was it? \_\_\_\_\_

If it was a civil marriage, where did the wedding take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you obtain an annulment (or a declaration of nullity for civil marriage)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

In which (Arch)diocese was the annulment or declaration of nullity obtained?

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you need additional space, please use the comment section on page 5.**

**(You will be asked to provide a copy of the divorce papers and a copy of the Decree of Annulment or Declaration of Nullity.)**

*Spouse's Previous Marriage History (Including Civil Marriages)*

Has your wife been married before? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Date of the First Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Length of the Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Was the wedding performed in a Catholic church? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If a Catholic wedding what was the Parish? \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

If in a church other than Roman Catholic, what denomination was it? \_\_\_\_\_

If it was a civil marriage, where did the wedding take place? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you obtain an annulment (even for civil marriage)? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Did she receive a Church annulment (or a declaration of nullity for civil marriage)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

In which (Arch)diocese was the annulment or declaration of nullity obtained?

\_\_\_\_\_

**If you need additional space, please use the comment section on page 5.  
(You will be asked to provide a copy of the divorce papers and a copy of the Annulment or Declaration of Nullity.)**

**Canonical Issues Regarding Holy Orders** - The situations listed below are irregularities to Holy Orders (Canon 1043) and must be investigated prior to acceptance to the Diaconate Formation Program.

Have you ever attempted suicide? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you now on probation or parole for a crime? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, when will your probation or parole end? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever deliberately mutilated yourself or another? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attempted to administer a sacrament to someone? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
(other than Baptism in the case of an emergency)  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been hospitalized or treated for mental illness? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever formally left the Catholic Church? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
To what Church or religion did you belong? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever participated in an abortion or encouraged an individual to have an abortion or have paid for one? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
If so, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**For additional comments, please use the back of the form if necessary.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date