

Appendix D7

Clergy leader letter of recommendation to the bishop and director of deacons

This appendix is for use by the clergy leader, at the end of the parish discernment process.

The clergy leader who has been most involved with the applicant during the discernment process writes a letter to the bishop and director of deacons indicating:

- their personal discernment of the applicant's vocation
- to what extent the applicant is meeting the various "Criteria for Ordination to the Diaconate"
- any recommendations for formation in areas where the applicant needs to grow and develop to become a fully effective minister in the church
- any concerns about eventually incorporating the applicant into the parish's clergy/staff team as a deacon