



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH ~ COMMISSION ON MINISTRY MANUAL

FORM O: Vestry Endorsement for Ordination to the Priesthood

*To the Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak, Bishop and
Commission on Ministry and
the Standing Committee of
the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh*

Date _____

We, whose names are hereunder written as duly elected members of the vestry of (*print name of congregation*) _____, testify to our belief that (*print name of deacon*) *the Reverend* _____ since the _____ day in the year _____, being the date of his/her/their ordination to the Diaconate, has lived a sober, honest, and godly life, and has not written, taught, or held anything contrary to the doctrine, discipline, or worship of this Church, and we think he/she/they is a person worthy to be admitted to the SACRED ORDER OF PRIESTS.

VESTRY SIGNATURES

(The Form must be signed by a two-thirds majority of the members of the vestry.)



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ATTESTATION OF THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the vestry of
(*print name of congregation*) _____, duly convened in the
city of (*city name*) _____ on (date) _____
and that the signatures shown are those of a two-thirds majority of the members of the
vestry.

Signed _____
(*clerk of the vestry*)

I HEREBY certify that I am personally acquainted with (*print name of candidate*)
_____ and that I believe the candidate to be
well qualified to be ordained to the Office of Priest, to the glory of God and the edification
of the Church.

Signed _____
(*Rector/Sponsoring Priest of the congregation to which the postulant belongs*)

*Note: Should the congregation be without a Rector/Sponsoring Priest, it shall suffice that in
their place the certificate from the vestry be signed by some presbyter (priest) of the diocese
in good standing to whom the postulant is personally known, the reason for the
substitution being stated in the attesting clause.*

Completed original forms should be submitted to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
Attention: Executive Assistant to the Bishop
325 Oliver Avenue, Suite 300
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Or electronically to arath@episcopalpgh.org

Copies scanned/sent/emailed to Chair, Commission on Ministry, jlsphone1@gmail.com