# FORM M: Vestry Reaffirmation for Ordination to the Diaconate

*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 candidate*) has lived a sober, honest, and godly life and that he/she/they is loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of this Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto. Moreover, we think he/she/they is a person worthy to be admitted the **SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS.**

# **VESTRY SIGNATURES**

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

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 minister in the Office of Deacon, 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 of the diocese (sponsoring priest) 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

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