

Self-Reflection Questions

Please answer these questions (1-19) thoughtfully and add any other material or information that you feel will be helpful to us. Insert your name and the date on each page.

Perceived Call to Ordained Ministry

1. Describe how you have felt drawn to the ordained ministry as a vocation. When did you first entertain the idea, what events and people most influenced you, and in what specific ways have you experienced this call?
2. What particular skills and talents will you bring to ordained ministry?
3. In what ways have others affirmed your perceived call to ordained ministry?

Relationship to God

4. Describe your spiritual life and disciplines.
5. Tell us about a time when you struggled with your faith and/or felt far from God. How did you respond to this?
6. Describe the particular way you might exercise ordained ministry (parish work, church planting, chaplaincy, teaching, counseling, etc.)

Relationship with Your Family

7. Describe the family pattern of religious affiliation during your growing-up years.
8. Describe your relationship with your parents, siblings, spouse and children (if applicable).

Self-Description

9. What are your strengths and barriers, particularly those recognized by others?
10. Are there types of communities where your leadership skills would be especially appreciated? Is it hard for you to minister to particular groups of people? If so, who are they?
11. How does your present ministry and/or work context draw on your God-given personality and strengths?
12. What things have you done (or are you doing) to develop your strengths and to minimize the ill effects of your barriers, in order to maximize your effectiveness in serving God?
13. Describe a conflict situation in which you were involved, how you reacted, what you might have done differently, and what you learned about how you react to conflict.
14. Describe your usual reaction to stress.
15. What, if any, medical or psychological conditions do you have?

General Questions

16. List social and recreational organizations to which you belong and briefly describe your participation. (If a member of a masonic organization, please list.)
17. List and describe any mission trips (foreign or domestic) you have taken.
18. What three non-theological books have you read this year?
19. What will you do if you are not accepted as a postulant for Holy Orders?