INITIAL DISCERNMENT IN COMMUNITY OF FAITH

_____1. Individual meets with Rector/Vicar

_____2. Initial discernment in the COF (Rector contacts the COM for a liaison to assist). COF discernment committee submits their evaluation with an attached statement by the rector. (See Appendix 1)

_____3. Nomination made by the Nominee’s COF (includes a pledge to contribute financially to that preparation and involve itself in the Nominee’s preparation for ordination) [III.8.2(a)]

_____4. Nominee accepts the nomination in writing (Form A), and sends a Personal History Form (Form B), Spiritual Autobiography (Form C) and official school transcripts to the Bishop’s Office) [III.8.2(b)]

PRIOR TO POSTULANCY

_____5. Nominee meets with the Bishop and his/her Rector

_____6. If the Bishop decides that the process should continue, the Office of the Bishop schedules psychological and medical examinations (Forms D & E) and a background check [III.8.5(k)(l)]

_____7. Nominee attends a DD prior to Postulancy

_____8. If acceptable results are found following the psychological, medical and background check, the Nominee has an initial meeting with the COM; the COM makes a recommendation to the Bishop re: Discernment Internship. Prior to beginning the Discernment Internship, the nominee must complete all of the Safeguarding units.

_____9. Nominee completes a six-month Discernment Internship (See Appendix 2); the Internship Committee and the Mentor each send a report to the COM

_____10. Nominee meets with the COM for a Postulancy interview (the Mentor attends this meeting); the COM makes a recommendation to the Bishop concerning Postulancy [III.8.3(b)] (Form F)
_____11. Bishop acts on the COM recommendation and writes a letter to the Nominee with his/her decision.

_____12. If the Nominee is admitted to Postulancy, the Bishop signs the Certificate of Admission to Postulancy (Form G) and informs the Rector of the Postulant’s COF, the COM, the SC and the Dean of the Seminary the Postulant is attending or proposes to attend of the date of admission [III.8.3(d)]

**AFTER ADMISSION TO POSTULANCY**

_____13. Application to seminary in consultation with Bishop (see narrative process for more details and exceptions)

_____14. Postulant sends Ember Day letters to the Bishop [III.8.3(e)]

_____15. Enter Masters in Divinity program including 4 units of field education.

_____16. Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education is completed.

_____17. Postulant applies to the Bishop for Candidacy [III.8.4(a)] (Form H)

_____18. Sponsoring Rector and Vestry complete Certificate for Candidacy [III.8.4(a)(2)] (Form I)

_____19. COM makes recommendation to the Bishop [III.8.4(b)] (Form J)

_____20. SC interviews Postulant and reviews the documentation relating to his/her application [III.8.4(b)] (Form K)

_____21. Bishop acts on SC and COM recommendations and writes a letter to the Postulant, with copies to the COF, and Dean of Seminary with his/her decision regarding Candidacy. If yes, the Postulant is admitted to Candidacy [III.8.4(b)]

**AFTER ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY**

_____22. Training required by the National Church [III.8.5(h)] is completed before ordination.

_____23. Completion of GOE (General Ordination Examination)

_____24. Candidate must be at least 24 years of age at the time of ordination [III.8.6(b)]

_____25. If more than 36 months have elapsed since the time of the medical, psychological and background checks, they must be repeated prior to ordination [III.8.5(k)(l)]

_____26. Candidate submits an application requesting ordination to the Diaconate [III.8.6(c)(1)] (Form L)

_____27. Letter of support from Candidate’s COF (signed and dated by at least 2/3 of the Vestry and the Rector is submitted to the Bishop [III.8.6(c)(2)] (Form M)
28. Bishop sends to the SC written evidence of the Candidate’s admission to Postulancy and Candidacy [III.8.6(c)(3)] (Form N)

29. Seminary confirmation of the Candidate’s scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons (transcripts and middle year evaluation) [III.8.6(c)(4)]

30. COM provides a certificate giving a recommendation regarding ordination to the Diaconate [III.8.6(c)(5)] (Form O)

31. On receipt of items 26-30 the SC, if a majority of the members consent, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Diaconate have been met [III.8.6(d)] (Form P)

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

32. Candidate shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution [III.8.6(e)]

PRIOR TO ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

33. At least six months have transpired since ordination to the Diaconate and a minimum of 18 months must elapse from the time of written acceptance of nomination by the Nominee and ordination [III.8.7(a)(1)]

34. Deacon must be at least 24 years of age at the time of ordination [III.8.7(a)(2)]

35. If more than 36 months have elapsed since the time of the medical, psychological and background checks, they must be repeated prior to ordination [III.8.7(a)(3)]

36. Candidate submits an application requesting ordination to the Priesthood [III.8.7(b)(1)] (Form Q)

37. Letter of support from Deacon’s COF (signed and dated by at least 2/3 of the Vestry and the Rector is submitted to the Bishop [III.8.7(b)(2)] (Form R)

38. Bishop sends to the SC written evidence of the Deacon’s admission to Postulancy and Candidacy and Ordination to Deaconate [III.8.7(b)(3)] (Form S)

39. Seminary confirmation of the Deacon’s scholastic record in the subjects required by the Canons (confirmation of completion or imminent completion) [III.8.7(b)(4)]

40. COM provides a certificate giving a recommendation regarding the Deacon for ordination to the Priesthood [III.8.7(b)(5)] (Form T)

41. On receipt of items 26-30 the SC, if a majority of the members consent, shall certify that the canonical requirements for ordination to the Priesthood have been met [III.8.7(c)] (Form U)

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD

42. Deacon shall subscribe publicly and make, in the presence of the Bishop, the declaration required in Article VIII of the Constitution [III.8.7(d)]
43. Deacon must be appointed to serve in a Parochial Cure within the jurisdiction of this church prior to ordination to the priesthood [III.8.7(e)]