

Lay Preaching Licenses

Unlike Licenses for the lay ministries of Eucharistic Visitors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Worship Leaders, a supplemental pdf guide is not available to be used by a cleric to instruct them on preparing sermons or homilies. Laity who have already been prepared and meet the following guidelines may request licensing for Lay Preaching by the Bishop of Springfield.

Requirements and Guidelines as expected under Title III.4.1.a:

- Written statement from rector, vicar, priest-in-charge or Senior Warden that the applicant is a communicant in good standing and regular in making their Holy Communion, regular at attending or leading the Daily Offices publicly, as well as being a contributor of record.
- The Rector, vicar or priest in charge or senior warden must provide a detailed narrative as to what “extraordinary circumstances” exist within the parochial setting that requires such a license.
- Produce graded transcript(s) from an accredited college, university, or seminary (not a parish or diocesan school for ministry) attesting to academic program proficiency in the following canonical areas:
 - Old Testament Foundations
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 - Introduction to Christian Ethics
 - Church History (preferably from the Reformation Forward)
 - Homiletics
 - Pastoral Theology
- Transcripts demonstrating completion of the 9 Presidium Academy on-line courses that have been prescribed by our safe guarding officer in compliance with General Convention resolution on safeguarding our churches.