The Diocese of Fond du Lac

The Episcopal Church in northeast Wisconsin

Templates for Congregational Use

Letters of Support in the Process towards Holy Orders

The text below is for congregations to prepare Letters of Support at the various steps of the ordination process. Copy and paste text on congregational letterhead, format, appropriately and affix necessary signatures.

#1 – Nomination
Available on the diocesan website.

#2 – Letter of Support – Candidacy

To the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Fond du Lac:

We, whose names are hereunder written, testify to our belief (based on personal knowledge or on evidence satisfactory to us) that TYPEFULLNAMEINCAPSHERE leads a sober, honest, and godly life, is a Communicant in Good Standing of this congregation, and possesses such qualifications befitting admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

[Signed] ______________________________________
Member of the Clergy ex exercising Oversight

[Add signatures of at least two-thirds of the members of the Vestry]

#3 - Letter of Support – Diaconate

To the Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac:

We, whose names are hereunder written, testify to our belief (based on personal knowledge or on evidence satisfactory to us) that TYPEFULLNAMEINCAPSHERE leads a sober, honest, and godly life, is a Communicant in Good Standing of this congregation, and possesses such qualifications befitting ordination as a Deacon in Christ’s One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

[Signed] ______________________________________
Member of the Clergy exercising Oversight

[Add signatures of at least two-thirds of the members of the Vestry]
#4 - Letter of Support – Priesthood

To the Bishop of the Diocese of Fond du Lac:

We, whose names are hereunder written, testify to our belief (based on personal knowledge or on evidence satisfactory to us) that TYPEFULLNAMEINCAPSHERE leads a sober, honest, and godly life, is a Communicant in Good Standing of this congregation, and possesses such qualifications befitting ordination as a Priest in Christ’s One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

[Signed] ______________________
Member of the Clergy exercising Oversight

[Add signatures of at least two-thirds of the members of the Vestry]