



The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

Addendum to the Application for Nominee Spiritual Autobiography

Instructions:

Below is a list of questions that will guide you through personal reflection on your life and your family. Please type your spiritual autobiography. We anticipate that this autobiography will be up to five pages. Please attach this spiritual autobiography to the Information Sheet. *Hint:* Save a copy for yourself.

Questions to consider:

1. In a statement no longer than four pages, please share with us about your family; background to include parents and siblings and your relationship with them. Tell us about members in your household. Please include past relationships that have impacted your life. Children? Marriages? Divorce?
2. Tell us about your educational experiences. What kind of student? What was your academic focus in college? Tell us something about your work history, present employment, extracurricular (social) activities and leadership roles.
3. Write about your religious background. Have you always been an Episcopalian? Are you active in your church? Have you been involved in renewal movements such as Cursillo, Marriage Encounter or the charismatic movement?
4. Describe your religious development. What led you to make application for Holy Orders? What was your relationship to the church as a young person? Include significant persons, events and experiences that have shaped your life and have led you to consider ordination. How do you picture or “image” God in your personal relationship to him and moments of special or closer-than-usual experiences of the presence of God.
5. How would you describe your physical and mental health?
6. How do your family and friends feel about your exploration of the ministry?
7. How do you plan to finance your education and training for ordination? (Title III.6.3.b) If you plan to enter seminary, what indebtedness do you now have? Will your debt be substantially greater at the time of entrance into seminary? Complete the financial statement sheet and submit with your application.
8. If you are applying for the diaconate as life’s vocation, describe the ministry or ministries you now have that you see as diaconal in nature.
9. Please submit a recent photograph of yourself.
10. Please submit a standard “vita” or personal resume.