

D I O C E S E O F T H E
RESTORATION
Application for Membership

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DIOCESE OF THE
RESTORATION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in membership in the Diocese of the Restoration. The following pages contain an outline of the application process for applying for membership and candidacy to the presbyterate and all necessary application forms.

Upon completing these forms, please return them to The Diocese office, either by mail or electronically by emailing the forms to membership@dioceseoftherestoration.org

We look forward to a bright and fruitful future together.

For Applicants who have been ordained to Holy Orders in Apostolic Succession:

1. Submit a formal letter of Petition for Reception addressed to the Bishop.
2. Complete the Application Information Profile, sign and date the form.
3. Sign and date the Affirmations and Declarations on the application
4. Send the completed application, along with the attached supporting documents (certificates, transcripts, etc) to the Diocesan Office.
5. Send a narrative summary of your sense of call and vision and reason for seeking affiliation with The Diocese of The Restoration.
6. Have your references submit Letters of Recommendation to the Bishop.
7. After receiving the completed information, two clergy interviewers will be assigned to you.
8. Following the interviews, a decision will be made regarding your reception.
9. You will be informed of the decision immediately, and a Letter of Reception will be issued. Public recognition of your reception will be accomplished as soon as mutually convenient.
10. Recommendations for further reading/ formation which may be beneficial to you may be provided. These will be based upon your application responses and personal interviews.

For Applicants who have not been ordained or have been ordained outside of Apostolic Succession:

1. Submit a formal letter of Petition for Candidacy for Holy Orders addressed to the Bishop.
2. Complete the Application Information Profile, sign and date the form.
3. Sign and date the Affirmations and Declarations on the application
4. Send the completed application, along with the attached supporting documents (certificates, transcripts, etc) to the Diocesan Office.
5. Send a narrative summary of your sense of call and vision and reason for seeking affiliation with The Diocese of The Restoration.
6. Have your references submit Letters of Recommendation to the Bishop.
7. After receiving the completed information, two clergy interviewers will be assigned to you.
8. Following the interviews, a decision will be made regarding your candidacy for Holy Orders.
9. You will be informed of the decision immediately, and a Letter of Acceptance to Candidacy for Holy Orders will be issued.
10. A clergy Mentor from the Diocese will be assigned to work with you throughout the formation/ordination process.
11. A program for education and formation will be developed based upon your application, interview process, and consultation with your Mentor.
12. When the Bishop and Mentor deem that the candidate is suitably prepared a Canonical Examination will be administered. The examination will be read by the Bishop and two other clergy. If there are no perceived areas requiring further formation, final plans for ordination will be made.
13. In special situations where the candidate has been ordained by a group outside of Apostolic Succession and is involved in active ministry, ordination may be accomplished prior to the completion of the recommended studies. In such cases, the candidate must sign a written agreement to complete their studies on a timely basis. Such exceptions will be made at the discretion of the Bishop.

APPLICANT PROFILE

Please attach copies of baptismal, confirmation, and ordination or ministerial licenses.

Last Name		First Name		MI		Suffix	
Address							
City		State		County		Zip Code	
Home Phone		Work Phone		Cell Phone			
E-mail				DOB			
Date of Baptism		Place of Baptism			Date of Confirmation		
Have you been ordained to the diaconate?	Y N	Date		Jurisdiction			
Have you been ordained to the priesthood?	Y N	Date		Jurisdiction			
If you answered Yes above, was ordination in Apostolic Succession?				Y N			

Provide the following information if it applies. If more space is needed please use section at the end of this form.

Marital Status	S M D W	Name of Spouse		Date of Wedding		
Have you been married previously?		Y N	If you answered Yes, please explain in the space provided at the end of this form.			
Please list the names of your children				Dates of Birth		

In the section below, list all places which have served as your 'home' church, in chronological order. If more space is needed please use section at the end of this form.

Parish Affiliation	From	To	Ministry Responsibilities

In the section below, list other areas of ministry in which you have served, in chronological order. If more space is needed please use section at the end of this form.

Ministry	From	To	Ministry Responsibilities

In the section below, list all undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate formal education, with dates attended, and degrees earned, if any, in chronological order. If more space is needed please use section at the end of this form. Please attach copies of diplomas and transcripts.

Educational Institution	From	To	Degree Earned

Provide two references, one clergy, one lay. Please have each listed reference send a letter of recommendation to the Diocese Office addressed to the Bishop.

Last Name		First Name		MI		Suffix	
Address							
City		State		County		Zip Code	
Last Name		First Name		MI		Suffix	
Address							
City		State		County		Zip Code	

Please answer the following completely.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	Y N	If you answered Yes, please explain in the section provided at the end of this form.
Are you aware of any physical or emotional impairment which would affect your ability to minister?	Y N	
Have you ever been disciplined, dismissed, or suspended from a secular job, ministry, or military service?	Y N	

Please use the space below to provide further information and explanations as needed. If further space is needed please include it in on an attached 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper.

Please read, sign, and date the following attestation and release.

I attest that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate and authorize The Diocese of The Restoration, Communion of Evangelical Episcopal Churches Province USA to confirm this information through the institutions, ministries, and agencies listed above. I understand that I may be asked to provide a release for further information (medical, legal, etc.) if deemed necessary.

Signed _____ Date _____

THE DOCTRINAL ESSENTIALS

We affirm decision-making based on Scripture, tradition, and Godly wisdom. The Holy Scriptures are self-attesting and the essence of Truth which require our unreserved submission in all areas of our lives. The infallible and trustworthy written Word of God is a complete and unified witness to God's redemptive acts which culminated in the incarnation of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Bible, uniquely inspired by the Holy Spirit, is the supreme and final authority in matters of faith and life. The Word of God, Incarnate and written, provides the foundation for the following which doctrines we affirm along with Apostles' and Nicene Creeds:

1. We believe in one God, the sovereign Creator, sustainer of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To Him be all honor, glory and worship forever!
2. Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is the Living Word become flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His birth of the Virgin Mary. He who is true God became true man, His two natures are united in one person forever. He lived a sinless life and died on a cross, a perfect sacrifice for our sins, according to the Scriptures. On the third day He rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, seated at the right hand of the Almighty Majesty on High, He mediates as our High Priest and Head of the Church. Jesus Christ is the exclusive Messiah. The only Way to salvation, the only Truth and the only Life in whom people may put their trust and obtain eternal life.
3. The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to the hearts of sinful, repentant people. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Jesus baptizes His disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit and empowers them through multiple infillings to do the supernatural work of ministry in His Name. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Holy Scriptures, instructs the hearts of believers, and guides us into all truth.
4. Being estranged from God and condemned by our total depravity, our salvation is wholly dependent upon the work of God's unmerited favor and graciousness. God credits His righteousness to those who put their faith in Christ alone for their salvation, and thereby justifying them in His Holy Presence. Only those who are born of the Holy Spirit and receive Jesus Christ, in word and obedient action, as Savior and Lord, become children of God, members of the Body of Christ and heirs of eternal life.
5. The one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the true Church, is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, are united together in the Body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity and the Sacraments are administered in their integrity, scriptural discipline is practiced, and loving fellowship is maintained to nurture the believers in the life of Christ. For her perfecting, the Church awaits the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
6. Jesus Christ will come again to the earth - suddenly, personally, visibly, and bodily - to judge the living and the dead, and to consummate history and the eternal plan of God. We seek to faithfully serve Christ in the world as His ambassadors as we joyfully anticipate His appearing.
7. The Christian's mission is to follow the Messiah's first and principle command, the Great Commandment: "Hear" (take notice and follow my instruction), "O Israel" separated unto Me and by Me, you who carry and are identified by My Holy Name), "The Lord our God is one" (The One owning exclusive and supreme authority and power in every aspect of our lives). We, individually and corporately, are commanded and therefore choose of our own God-given will, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength. Our mission is to demonstrate that we are Christians by certifying our Holy Spirit inspired and empowered nature. Demonstrating Almighty God's gracious love (compassion, acceptance, and forgiveness) through us, individually and corporately, in word and action, by pursuing the highest and best interests of our neighbors (those whose lives are closely linked with ours, and those within our sphere of influence), showing the same concern we have for ourselves.
8. As we endeavor to meet the standards of God's love, we are to fulfill the Risen Jesus of Nazareth's Great Commission: "Go make disciples (those who learn to obey) of all nations (people of every description), baptizing (initiating with water) them in The Name of the Father (Almighty God, God above every God), and of the Son (Jesus the innocent crucified, only begotten, blameless and perfect Lamb of God, promised Son of King David, who died, the conqueror of Satan, Sin, Disease and Death, and who remains the Resurrected God-man), and of the Holy Spirit (the Clean, Divine, incorporeal Comforter, Teacher, Inspiring and Animating Person and Power in the unified

Trinitarian nature of God), and teaching (by instruction and personification) them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (those who hear and follow His voice and example).

9. Human beings are not God but were created in His likeness and image. The creation serves and is sustained by the Creator. We were created for communion with God and one another in purity and in accordance with the Holy Scriptures. Communion with God and the believers is marked by love (bold and Godly), joy (secure hope in Jesus' blessings and promises), peace (seeking to resolve conflict and fleeing dissension and divisiveness), patience (continuing to encourage and instruct others despite suffering), kindness (showing love through acts of mercy), gentleness (being humble enough to warrant being approached) and self-control. In matters where human law, custom, or reason conflict, or appear to conflict, with the God's commandments, as revealed in Scripture, the disciples' loyalty to Scripture takes precedence.

10. We affirm the Author of Life, the stewardship of creation, through environmental preservation, and the protection and validation of the irrevocable and inherent sanctity and dignity of all forms of human life, from conception to the grave. We affirm peaceful resolution and reconciliation of conflicts between persons, groups and nations, where possible.

AFFIRMATIONS AND DECLARATIONS

(Please read, sign, and date the following statements.)

Affirmation of the Ecumenical Creeds

I affirm the Doctrinal Guidance of the Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed) as embodying the core teaching of the Church for centuries. The affirmation and recitation of the Creeds link us with the global church both around the world, as well as with the ancient church. The creeds remind us of our common confession as Christians with the universal church. The creeds do not represent all that the church embodies in the world, but they do spell out the doctrinal core, the absolute essentials of Christian identity. They remember our Trinitarian faith. They recall that God is the creator of "heaven and earth." They rehearse for us the great redemptive acts in Jesus Christ. They remind us of the work of the Holy Spirit. They recall for us the key elements of the gospel: the gathered church, the power of forgiveness, the anticipation of our bodily resurrection, and our eternal destiny.

By my signature, as a faithful minister, I will endeavor with God's help, to live and teach in concord with the spirit and intention of the Ecumenical Creeds.

Signed _____ Date _____

Affirmation of Doctrinal Essentials

It is by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, by the witness of the Holy Spirit, trusting in the inspiration and supremacy of the Holy Scriptures and with a confirming heart and mind that I affirm the Doctrinal Essentials of Diocese of The Restoration. By my signature, as a faithful and accountable parish leader and/or minister, I will endeavor with God's help, to live and teach in concord with the spirit and intention of the Doctrinal Essentials that I will be asked to reaffirm annually.

Signed _____ Date _____

Commitment to Purity

Before God, I pledge my commitment to a historical, traditional view of purity, as understood in the Historical Christian Church since the earliest of times. I commit myself to purity of life and purity of expression in my sexuality; through fidelity in marriage, and abstinence in singleness.

Signed _____ Date _____

Affirmation and Blessing from Spouse

By the signing of this document I am showing forth my support, affirmation, and blessing of my husband/wife (applicant's name) _____. Let it be known that my spouse has my full support and blessing in their decision to pursue ordination (or reception) in the Diocese of The Restoration.

Signed _____ Date _____

AFFIRMATIONS AND DECLARATIONS

(Please read, sign, and date the following statements.)

Certificate of Declaration

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ The One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church ~

I do solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation.

I do believe the teachings and doctrine of the Holy Catholic Church as they come to us from the Ancient Historical Faith.

I do solemnly purpose to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ's Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Signed _____ Date _____

