



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DISCERNMENT TIMELINE FOR THE
VOCATIONAL DIACONATE

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY RETREAT
OCTOBER 27 - 28, 2027

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FINAL DEADLINE FOR PACKET SUBMITTAL TO DEACON JOYCE HARDER – jharder@adosc.org **OCTOBER 12, 2027**

All dates are subject to change. Aspirants will be notified of any changes in writing.



PHASES & DATES	FLOW & MILESTONES	KEY TASKS	RESPONSIBLE	PHASES & DATES	FLOW & MILESTONES	KEY TASKS	RESPONSIBLE
PHASE 1 INITIAL DISCERNMENT PREPARATION January 5 – February 16, 2027	↓ ↓	1. Pastoral Preparation of Aspirant 2. Clergy Checklist 3. Clergy Letter of Endorsement 4. 1st Next Steps Email to Aspirant 5. Spiritual Autobiography & Contact Information 6. Divorce Exception Form (2 signatures) 7. Appointment with Canon Jim Lewis	Priest Priest Priest Joyce Aspirant Aspirant & Joyce Aspirant	PHASE 2 DISCERNMENT & PARISH DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE COMPLETION February 16 – June 21, 2027	↓ ↓	8. 2nd Next Steps Email to Aspirant 9. Agreement to Abide by Decisions Made 10. Signed Statement of Faith 11. Reference Names 12. Reference Forms 3/3 13. College/Post-Grad Transcripts 14. Prepare and Enrich Marriage Assessment 15. Meeting with the Bishop – BY MARCH 22 16. Bishop's Letter of Approval to Priest to Proceed 17. Start of Parish Discernment Committee – BY MARCH 29 18. Report of Parish Discernment Committee – BY JUNE 21	Joyce Aspirant Aspirant Aspirant Joyce Aspirant Aspirant Aspirant Aspirant Committee Chair Committee Chair
PHASE 3 PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS June 21 – August 2, 2027	↓ ↓	20. Confirmation of Payment for Psychological Evaluation 21. Life History Questionnaire 22. Release Form for Psychological Evaluation 23. Psychological Evaluation Completed	Joyce Aspirant Aspirant Aspirant	PHASE 4 POSTULANCY PACKAGE & FINAL SUBMISSION August 2 – October 12, 2027	↓ ↓	24. 3rd Next Steps Email 25. Application for Postulancy 26. Signed Statement of Faith 27. Authorization to Release Information 28. Background Check Report 29. SafeGuarding Certificates (Through Parish) 30. Behavioral Screening Questionnaire (2 signatures) 31. Covenant of Sexual Responsibility (2 signatures) 32. Social History 33. Social History by Priest 34. Medical Evaluation Form by Aspirant 35. Medical Evaluation Form by Physician 36. Photo 37. Invitation to Commission on Ministry Retreat	Joyce Aspirant Aspirant Aspirant Joyce Aspirant Aspirant & Priest Aspirant & Priest Aspirant Priest Aspirant Aspirant's Physician Aspirant Joyce

NOTICE ➡ If an Aspirant has experienced divorce, please contact Deacon Joyce Harder at jharder@adosc.org PRIOR to beginning Step 1 so that requisite canonical guidance can be provided.

A PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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