

SAMPLE PETITION FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION

1. The petition must be handwritten on plain white bond standard size paper, 8-1/2 x 11.
2. Address the petition to your Bishop, Archbishop or Ordinary.
3. Date the letter at the top.
4. Print and sign your full name.
5. Turn in your petition to the Rector's Office by _____. Please do not fold the petition. The Rector will forward your petition, together with his recommendation, to your Archbishop, Bishop or Ordinary. A copy of your petition will be placed in your seminary file.

(Date)

Most Reverend or Cardinal _____
Archbishop or Bishop of _____
(Fill in the address of the Chancery Office)

Dear Cardinal or Archbishop or Bishop (last name):

In accordance with the *Motu Proprio* of Pope Paul VI *Ad pascendum* of August 15, 1972, I hereby submit my petition to be admitted to Candidacy for the Orders of Diaconate and Priesthood.

I recognize that this admission to Candidacy for Orders does not carry with it any of the duties, rights, or privileges of clerics. I realize, however, that in virtue of your acceptance of me as a candidate for the Orders of Diaconate and Priesthood I must care for my vocation and foster it. I also understand that I acquire the right to the necessary spiritual assistance by which I can develop my vocation and embrace God's will in my regard.

In presenting this petition I solemnly declare that I am actuated by no motive of fear, either physical or moral, and that I am in no way coerced by parent, relative, or any other person. I also declare that I am making this request of my own free will, and that I am motivated by a desire to serve God and his people through ordained ministry.

I respectfully ask for your blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Sign your full name)
(Print your full name)