

SAMPLE PETITION FOR INSTITUTE IN THE MINISTRY OF READER

1. The petition must be handwritten on plain white bond standard size paper, 8-1/2 x 11. Please use black or blue ink.
2. Address the petition to your Bishop, Archbishop or Ordinary.
3. Date the letter at the top.
4. Print and sign your full name at the end of the letter.
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)

Cardinal or Most Reverend _____
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, *Ministeria quaedam* of August 15, 1972, I hereby submit my petition to be instituted in the ministry of Reader.

I understand that as a Reader I am appointed to my own proper functions according to the norms of the Church. I recognize my duty to devote myself to theological learning, and in a special way to the reading and study of Sacred Scripture.

In presenting this petition I solemnly declare that I am not motivated by any fear, either physical or moral, that I am not coerced by parent, relative, or any other person, and that I make this request to be instituted as a reader of my own free will.

I respectfully ask for your blessing.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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