



God's Yes

God says "yes" to all who seek to offer themselves: God's "yes" comes as we submit ourselves to the leading of the Spirit who enables us to make decisions that match the will of God for our vocation. This relational journey is what discernment is all about.

'Vocation is where our greatest passion meets the world's greatest need'. Frederick



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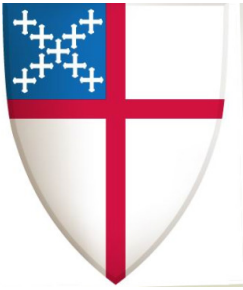
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So you think God may be calling you to an ordained Ministry?



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Ordination in the Anglican Tradition

Baptism is where all calls to ministry begin. In baptism we are made one with Christ in God's mission to heal and transform the world and we do this in many different capacities—in our work, our communities, and our homes. Some are called to the ordained ministry of the church.

Our Anglican tradition believes that all calls to the ordained ministry begin and are validated in community thus the process in our diocese involves several steps that seek to assist those feeling called to discern their call and have their call validated. Below in broad brush strokes are the steps persons will take as they respond to their sense of calling to an ordained ministry. A complete description of the process can be found in the **Vocational Handbook** available on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.episcopalrochester.org/>

First Steps

Discerning your call in your local community:

- *Be a regular member for at least one year.*
- *Speak with your priest.*
- *Be in prayer.*
- *Speak with Missioner for Vocational Discernment.*
- *Meet with Bishop.*

Second Steps

- *Be in prayer*
- *Form a local discernment team including at least one person from another congregation.*
- *If the local team discerns a call they will report this to the priest and vestry.*
- *Ask your priest and vestry to nominate you to the Bishop.*
- *Complete all the application forms for Postulancy.*

Third Steps

- *Complete Psychological and Medical evaluations.*
- *Meet with the Bishop.*
- *Meet with the Commission on Ministry.*
- *If both the Bishop and COM agree that there is a call you will be admitted to Postulancy by the Bishop.*
- *Begin your theological education/formation*



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