

APPENDIX C

(Please note this form is sample only)

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana

Application for Postulancy

RECTOR'S/VICAR'S RESPONSE

A member of your church is applying for the ordination process, and has advised the Bishop of your support. In preparation for the interviewing process with the Nominee, you are asked to fill out these response sheets. The purpose is to make interviews substantial. Thank you for your help!

Nominee's Name _____

Your Name

How long have you known the Nominee?

Did you or the Nominee first raise the issue of Holy Orders? What were the circumstances of this beginning? And how long did it take to move from there to this application?

In what kinds of ministerial activities have you observed the Nominee? While understanding that the Nominee may just be beginning in ministry, how did he or she do? (This question is about what you have actually observed: the next question has to do with the Nominee's possibilities.)

Please describe the Nominee's chief strengths, including matters such as integrity, emotional stability, boldness, personal and intellectual maturity, etc.

The Commission is concerned that Nominees be as clear as possible about the difference between deacon and priest and about the specificity of their own calling. Do *you* see the Nominee as called specifically to the diaconate/priesthood? How do the Nominee's actual and potential gifts fit with the diaconate/priesthood?

Please describe the Nominee's growth areas or areas of weakness. Is the Nominee clearly aware of these? How does she or he deal with them?

Are there either major changes occurring in the Nominee's life that might disrupt or hinder a discernment process? Are there ongoing patterns of life that might do so?

Do you perceive the Nominee as an inspiring, faithful, loving servant leader? Will people follow him or her and will he or she joyfully serve every sort and kind of person? Are you excited about the prospect of the future ordained ministry of this person? Explain your answer.