

Priests, Transitional Deacons, Deacons and Seminarians of the Diocese:

The Bishop is your primary contact when discerning a call in the Diocese. The Transition Consultant will help you prepare for such a transition.

The Transition Consultant is able to help in the following:

- a. Preparation, reorganization, editing of OTM Portfolio
- b. Discussion of gifts and talents for ministry
- c. Preparation, reorganization, editing of personal resume
- d. Needs assessment
- e. Helping search for appropriate calls
- f. Transitioning out of a ministry
- g. Transitioning into a ministry

Deacons are not required to have an OTM Portfolio but may, if they wish. The Bishop of the Diocese of Western Louisiana assigns deacons to ministry within the diocese. Deacons are asked to prepare a one-page resume listing skills and the ministries of which they have been a part. This resume must be submitted to the Bishop's Office and will be put in the deacon's personnel file. A deacon may edit or update the resume at any time by simply submitting a new one to the Bishop's Office.

Seminarians are to fill out an OTM Portfolio during the Fall Term of their Senior Year in Seminary and submit it to the Transitions Consultant for review by December 1. The OTM will be reviewed and returned to the seminarian. All Senior seminarians must have an edited OTM Portfolio registered with the Office of Transition Ministry at the Episcopal Church Center in order to be considered for placement in the Diocese of Western Louisiana.