

Authorization for Release of Confidential Information

Please read the following statements and sign the form below before returning this application to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate:

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that the information provided in my application form and the accompanying application materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and may be verified by the Diocese of Colorado Springs.

I understand that my application materials include, but are not limited to, confidential information such as mental health records (including psychological test results), educational records (including transcripts), criminal background information, application form, and letters of reference, whether this information is provided by me or is received from another source.

I understand that information requested by the Diocese of Colorado Springs will be provided in confidence and will become the property of the Diocese of Colorado Springs. This understanding applies to any information that I may supply or that third parties may supply to the Diocese of Colorado Springs at my request and with my permission.

I understand that the decision for me to be accepted or not accepted for formation for the Permanent Diaconate will be made at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado Springs after consultation with the Director of Formation, members of the Application and Admissions Committee and others as the Bishop deems appropriate. Although the Diocese of Colorado Springs may wish to report the reasoning behind any or all decisions regarding my acceptance or non-acceptance, there is no obligation on the part of the Diocese of Colorado Springs to do so.

I understand that if accepted into Pre-Aspirancy I am expected to take part in all the required activities and complete the assigned work, and that my wife is encouraged to participate to the extent possible.

I understand that I might not be admitted to Aspirancy or Candidacy. I further understand that by entering into formation, there is no guarantee that I will be instituted to either Lector or Acolyte or ordained to the Permanent Diaconate. I acknowledge that the Bishop retains the right to remove me from formation at any time. Although the Diocese of Colorado Springs may wish to report the reasoning behind any or all decisions regarding my continuation in or removal from the program, there is no obligation on the part of the Diocese of Colorado Springs to do so. Likewise, I am free to withdraw at any time from the formation process.

I hereby authorize the Diocese of Colorado Springs, its agents, employees, and anyone else acting on its behalf (including but not limited to the Bishop of Colorado Springs, the Discernment and Formation Advisory Team, the Director of Permanent Diaconate, the Director of Formation, the Pre-Aspirancy Review Committee, and their delegates) or any other person(s) as requested by

the Bishop, to have access to and use all of my application and application materials. I understand that the purpose of the application and application materials is to evaluate my fitness for formation for the Permanent Diaconate and to assist the Bishop in acting for the good of the Church. Application materials as the term is used here, refers to the responses to any questions on this application, to any material I may supply in response to the application or which I may supply voluntarily as I make this application. It also applies to any material supplied by any third person (legal or individual) made at my request or made at the request of the Diocese of Colorado Springs, or anyone acting on behalf of the Diocese of Colorado Springs but with my permission. I understand that the term “application materials” will be construed liberally by the Diocese of Colorado Springs and me to include rather than exclude materials should any question arise as to the definition of the term.

If in the future I apply to the priesthood, the diaconate or consecrated religious life, I hereby authorize the Diocese of Colorado Springs to release copies of my application and application materials to the applicable diocese or religious congregation.

I further release and agree to hold harmless the Diocese of Colorado Springs, its employees, volunteers, agents, and all those who receive my application or application materials hereunder from any and all liability which the Diocese of Colorado Springs, its employees, volunteers, agents and any other person acting on behalf of the Diocese of Colorado Springs may incur as a result of its or their use of such application and application materials.

I further testify that I make this application of my own free will.

Applicant's Digital Signature

Date

I also agree to the provisions of this authorization and that I consent to my husband's application of my own free will. I further agree to and give my consent to the provisions of my husband's application to the extent that those provisions may apply to information in the application which applies to me or to any application materials, as defined to the extent that such materials may apply to me.

Applicant Wife's Digital Signature

Date

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