

Application to Diaconate Formation (Pre-Aspirancy)

Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs

1. Personal and Contact Information

Name (first, middle, and last)

By what name do you wish to be called?

Home address

Number Street, Apt. #

City, State, Zip Code

How long have you lived at the above address (years)?

How long have you been a resident of the Diocese of Colorado Springs (years)?

Mailing address (if different from one above)

Number Street Apt. #

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone numbers (please include area codes)

Home

Mobile

E-mail

Age

Birthdate

Birthplace

Social Security #

Driver's License #

2. Court, Legal, Police Record

Are you a citizen of the United States of America or have valid immigration status?

Yes No

If you answered no above, of which country are you a citizen?

If you answered no above, what is your immigration status?

If not a citizen or permanent resident, do you have a Visa?

Yes No

Type of Visa

Date of expiration

Have you ever been arrested?

Yes No

If yes, provide details of each arrest. Explain charges, dates, locations, age at time of arrests and the dispositions of all cases.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a civil infraction or minor traffic offenses, excluding DUI/DWI)?

Yes No

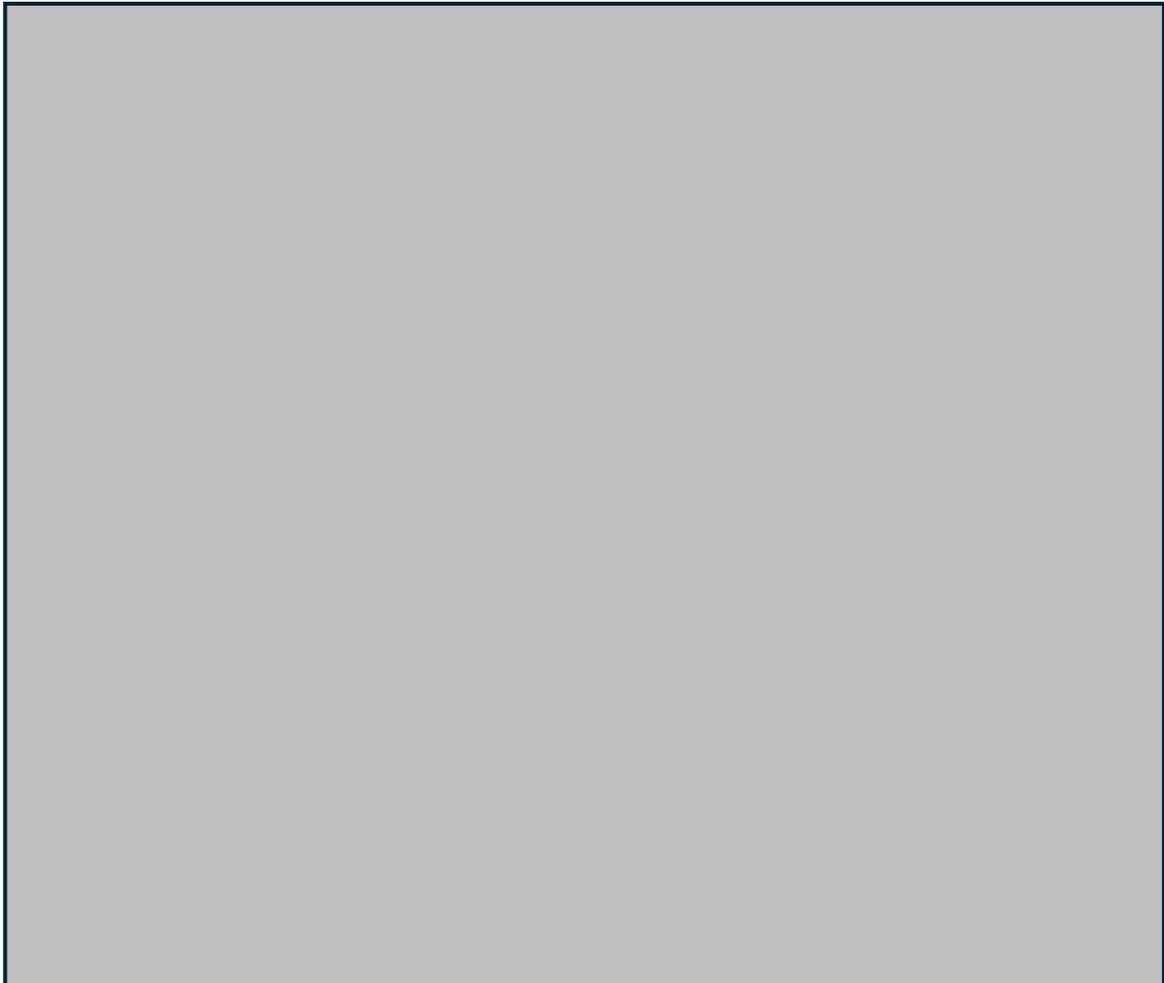
If yes, explain.

If you or your family are currently involved in any potential or pending legal actions, please explain.



3. Employment History (to include Military Service History)

Describe your employment history. Include a list of your employer(s) and job title(s). Include from-and-to dates, location(s) and for all past employment, reason for leaving. No need to go back more than ten years. You can also list general skills required.



List any professional organizations to which you belong.

List any volunteer work you have done or are currently doing, and dates of your involvement.

Military Service History

Have you served, or are you currently serving in the military? If

Yes

No

yes, please provide the following:

Branch or Branches of service

Branch of Service 1:

Branch of Service 2:

Branch of Service 3:

Entrance date(s)

Branch of Service 1:

Branch of Service 2:

Branch of Service 3:

Rank of discharge

Branch of Service 1:

Branch of Service 2:

Branch of Service 3:

Discharge date

Branch of Service 1:

Branch of Service 2:

Branch of Service 3:

Type of discharge

Branch of Service 1:

Branch of Service 2:

Branch of Service 3:

Combat experience

Reserve status

Describe your service duties to the degree that you are able.

If you served in the military and have been discharged from the military, please upload a copy of your DD 214 form (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty).

4. Marriage and Family Background/History

Marriage and Family

What is your current marital status?

Married Single - married previously Single – never married

If you are married, number of years in your current marriage

Date of your current marriage

Location of your current marriage, including church

How many children, if any, do you have?

If you have any children, please provide names, ages and indicate if they are living in your home.

Have you ever been in a marriage that ended in a civil divorce? Yes No

How many marriages, other than your current marriage, have you entered into?

Please provide a summary of any previous marriages (e.g., Catholic, common law, civil marriage, another church). You will need to complete and upload an "Information for Previous Marriage" form for each previous marriage.

Of the total number of children specified above, how many are from a previous marriage or relationship? Please indicate which ones by name(s), age(s) and if they are living at home.

Besides children, do you have any dependent relatives? Yes No

If you answered yes above, please explain.

Are you experiencing any stresses or difficulties in your marriage or in your family life?

Yes No

If yes, please explain.

Other Family Background

Father

Name

Birthplace Living or deceased

Religion Parent's date of marriage

Father's marital status

Mother

Name

Birthplace Living or deceased

Religion Parent's date of marriage

Mother's marital status

Please list your brothers and sisters. Include their names, ages and whether they are practicing Catholics.

5. Church and Faith Background/History

Catholic Religious Background: You will need to provide an original baptismal certificate from the church where you were baptized. This certificate must have been issued within the past six months and should have confirmation and marriage information noted on the certificate. If these are not noted, you must obtain separate confirmation and marriage certificates, if applicable, from the parishes where you received these sacraments. Please secure a copy of these documents to be submitted as soon as possible.

Religious History

Were you baptized into the Catholic Church prior to the age of reason (7)? Yes No

If you answered no above, please provide the following information:

Date of your reception into the Roman Catholic Church

Church

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Former religion/denomination

Years of affiliation

Level of involvement (elaborate)

Reason for conversion (elaborate on reason for seeking full communion)

If you have always been Catholic, have you ever experienced a period of lapse from the Church (e.g., crisis of faith causing one to temporarily fail to meet obligations, temporarily left the faith to explore other religions or denominations, etc.)?

Yes No If yes, please describe the situation in detail.

Your Sacraments of Initiation

Sacrament	Date	Church (specify city and state)
Baptism	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
First Communion	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Confirmation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Current and Recent (as appropriate) Parish Information

Home Parish (Current)

Pastor (Current)

Parish Contact Information (Current)

Current Pastor's or Office Phone (include area code)

If recently moved to the Diocese of Colorado Springs

Previous Diocese

Home Parish (Previous)

Pastor (Previous)

Parish Contact Information (Previous)

Previous Pastor's or Office Phone (include area code)

Parish Address (previous)

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

List the dioceses in which you lived and the parishes attended since age 18.

6. Vocational Discernment and Church Service

If you have ever applied to any archdiocese or diocese for formation for the priesthood or diaconate, or to enter a religious community, and were not accepted, please give the name, pertinent dates, and your understanding of why you were not accepted.

If you have ever been accepted by an archdiocese or diocese into formation for the priesthood or the diaconate or to enter a religious community, please give the name, pertinent dates and your reason for leaving, as well as the level you had reached when you left.

Were you ever professed in a Catholic religious community? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name of the community, whether the vows were perpetual or temporary, and whether your vows expired or been dispensed. Please provide other relevant information.

If you were in formation for the priesthood or diaconate, were you admitted to candidacy?

Yes No

If yes, in which archdiocese or diocese?

Date of admission to candidacy.

Please provide details as to why you left formation.

How old were you when you first thought of becoming a deacon and has the thought been occasional or persistent? Please elaborate.

Beyond prayer and discernment, who, besides yourself, contributed most to your consideration of the diaconate and how?

Has anyone suggested that you may have a vocation to the diaconate? If yes, what did they say?

Have you heard this from more than one person? Please elaborate.

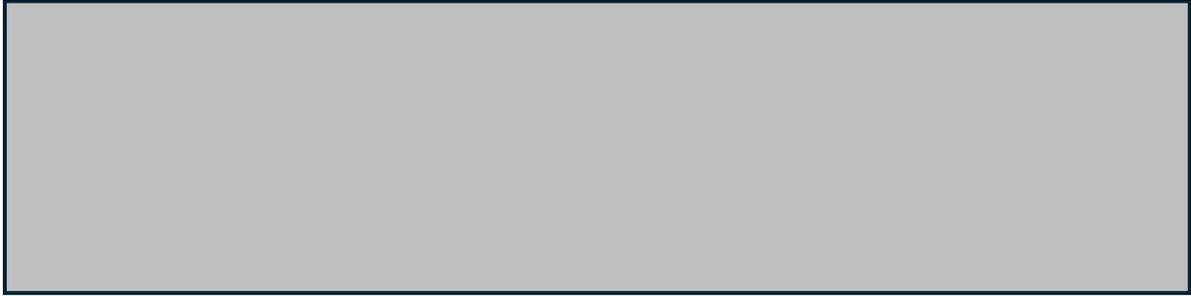
If you are married, have you discussed your interest in the vocation of deacon with your wife and children? Yes No

If yes, please describe when you first began these discussions. If not, why not?

Was your wife ever in religious life? Yes No

If yes, explain.

Why do you want to serve our diocese as a deacon?



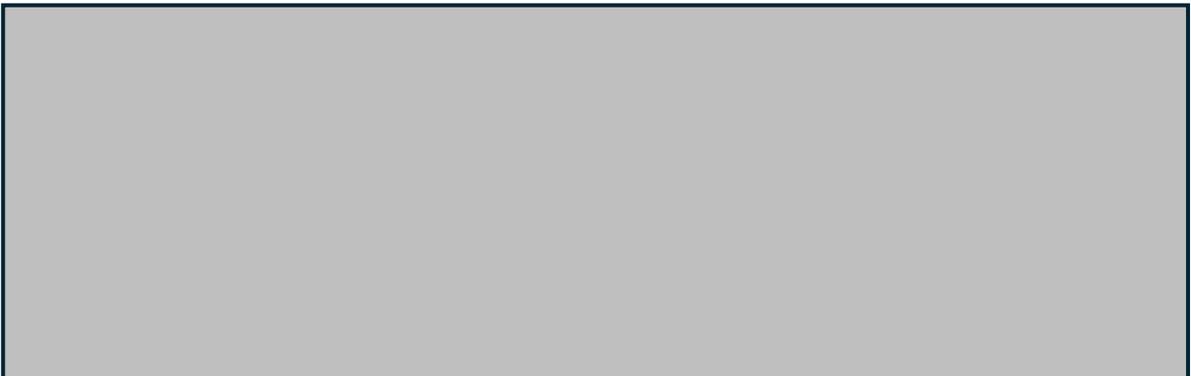
What most attracts you to the diaconate?



What kind of assignments/ministries as a deacon would most interest you?



If you are ordained a deacon, what do you think you will be able to contribute, from the perspective of your talents, experiences, and other personal qualities?



Have you recently met with your pastor regarding the permanent diaconate?

Yes No

Reference the preceding question. In either case, please elaborate (i.e., your interaction with your pastor if you answered yes, or your plans to do so if you answered no).

What apprehensions do you have about your decision to apply to the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program?

If you and/or the Church discern that you do not have a vocation to the diaconate, are there other areas of Church service or lay ministry that you believe you would be drawn to? If so, elaborate.

Lay Ministries and Volunteer Service

Are you an instituted lector? Yes No Date of institution

Are you an instituted acolyte? Yes No Date of Institution

Ministerial Participation

Please check each ministry/activity in which you have been involved. Please complete any information as requested.

Ministry	Check	Number of years
Altar server	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Reader (lector)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Extraordinary minister of holy communion		
Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Homebound	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Care facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Music Minister		
Choir leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Choir member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Cantor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Instrument (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
		<input type="text"/>
Sacristan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Master of ceremonies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
OCIA		
Leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Catechist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sponsor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Catechist		
Children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Sacrament preparation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Adult faith formation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

Ministerial Participation (Continued)

Check each ministry/activity in which you have been involved. Please complete any information as requested.

Ministry	Check	Number of years
Marriage preparation/mentor couple	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Ministry to the homeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Prison and/or jail ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please describe other ministries in which you participate (Cursillo, Movimiento Familiar, Inferno, lay orders (e.g., Carmelite, Franciscan, Dominican, etc.).

7. Other Affiliations/Association Records

Have you ever been a member of any **organization that is expressly anti-Catholic** in its views and/or beliefs (e.g., Free Masons, certain Marxist/Communist organizations, Ku Klux Klan)? Yes No

If yes, have you bound yourself to such an organization(s) by any oaths, vows, or promises?

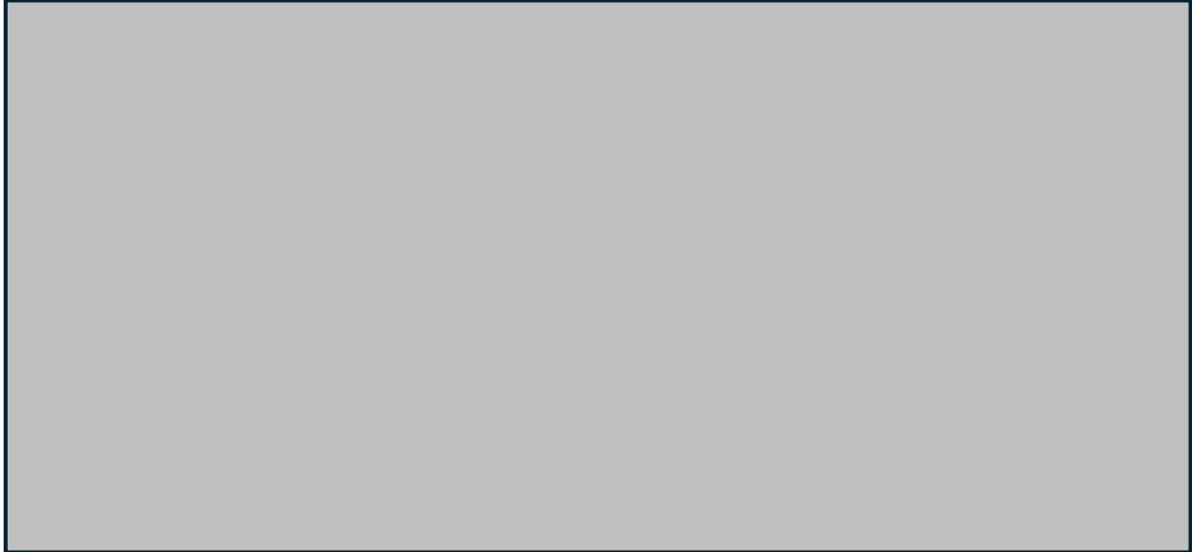
If you answered yes to either question above, please specify and describe below, including dates and level of involvement.

Have you ever bound yourself by any oaths, vows, or promises in any **religious organization, secret society, or cults** (e.g., Free Masons, Skull and Bones, Knights Templar)? Yes No

If yes, please elaborate.

8. Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and Vocational Commitments

Will you have the time to fulfill your commitment to diaconate formation, which is estimated to be approximately six to nine hours per week? Please elaborate.



The Catholic Church defines celibacy, continence and chastity as follows:

Celibacy: The state or condition of those who have chosen to remain unmarried for the sake of the kingdom of heaven in order to give themselves entirely to God and to the service of His people.

Continence: Continence is the practice of abstaining from sexual acts, required for all persons not in a valid marriage as recognized by the Church. It may be defined as abstinence from even the licit gratifications of marriage.

Chastity: Chastity is the virtue of integrating sexuality within one's whole being, a call for everyone (single, married, religious) to order their desires rightly.

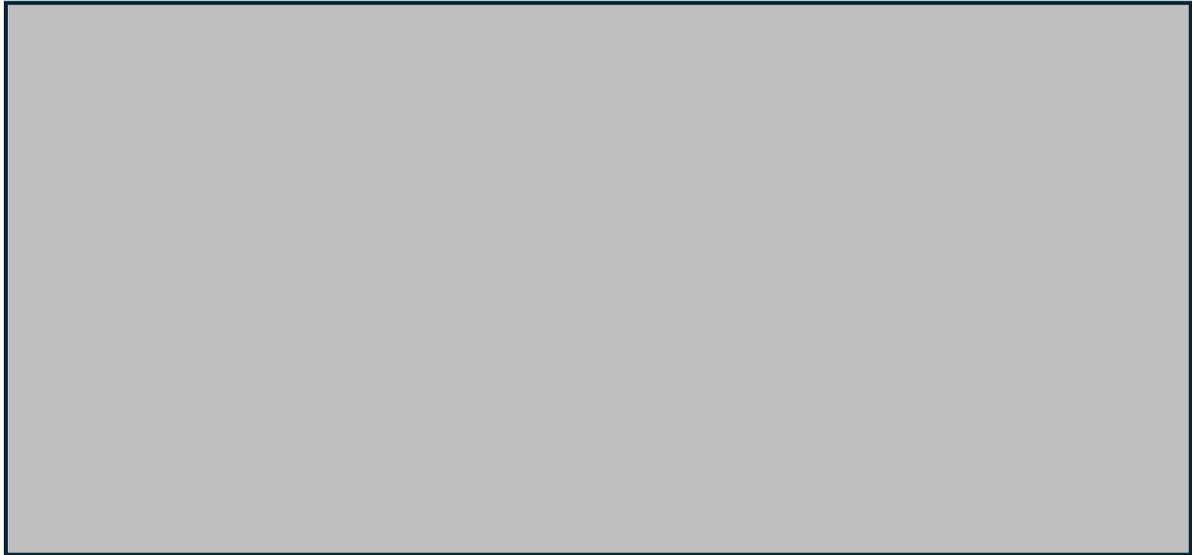
At ordination to the diaconate, single men make a life long commitment to celibacy. Married men make the commitment to embrace celibacy should their wife predecease them, or the couple divorce.

Would you be able to undertake this commitment to celibacy?

Yes

No

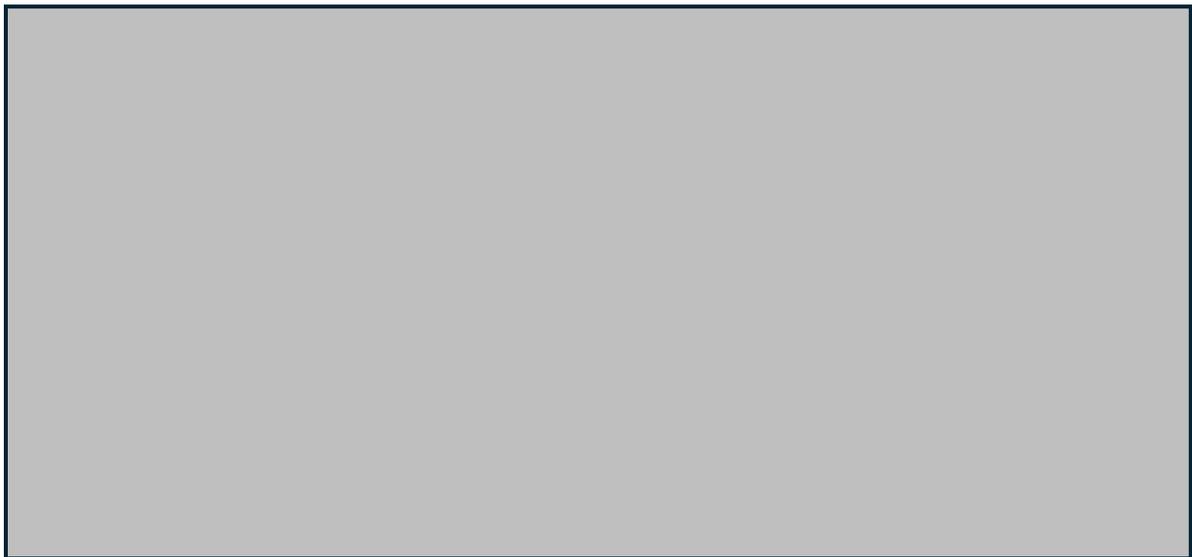
The Permanent Diaconate Formation Program consists of a six month of Pre-Aspirancy inquiry period, a one year of Aspirancy introductory learning period, and a more rigorous three-year Candidacy intellectual, spiritual, liturgical and pastoral formation period. Throughout the process the Church and the man is discerning his vocation to the diaconate. What kind of impact do you think this four-and-a-half-year program will have on your family life, work, and current interests?



9. Educational Background

Grade Schools

Please describe your grade school education. Include all grade schools you attended and whether they were Catholic.



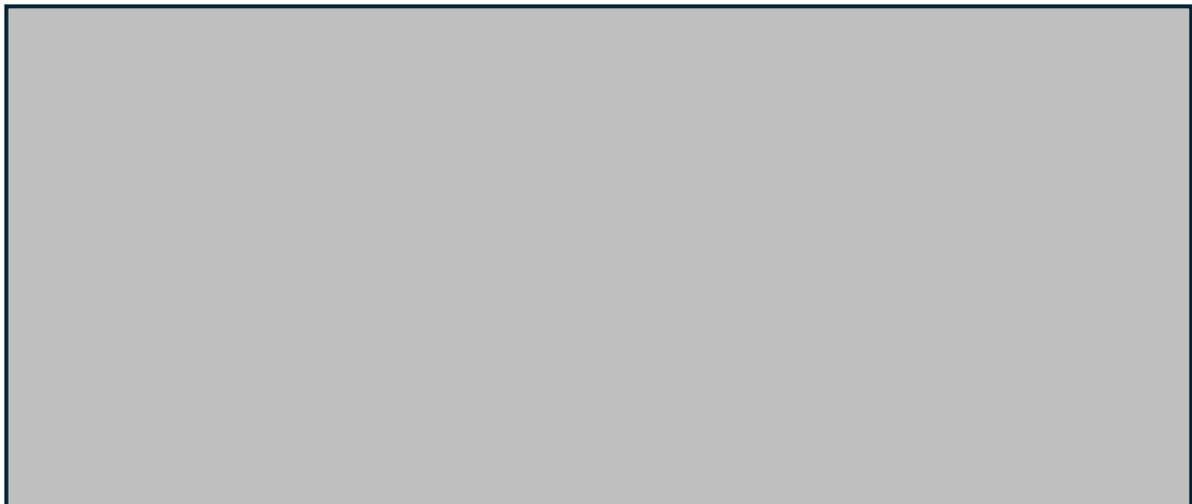
Secondary Schools

Please describe your secondary school education. Include all schools you attended and whether they were Catholic. Include your academic interests and extracurricular activities.

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Secular Vocational Schools and Certification Programs

Please describe any vocational training or certification programs you have attended. Please list each experience separately and include the name of the school, institution, or certification, as well as any certification(s) awarded. Please include the length of the program(s) and any other pertinent information.

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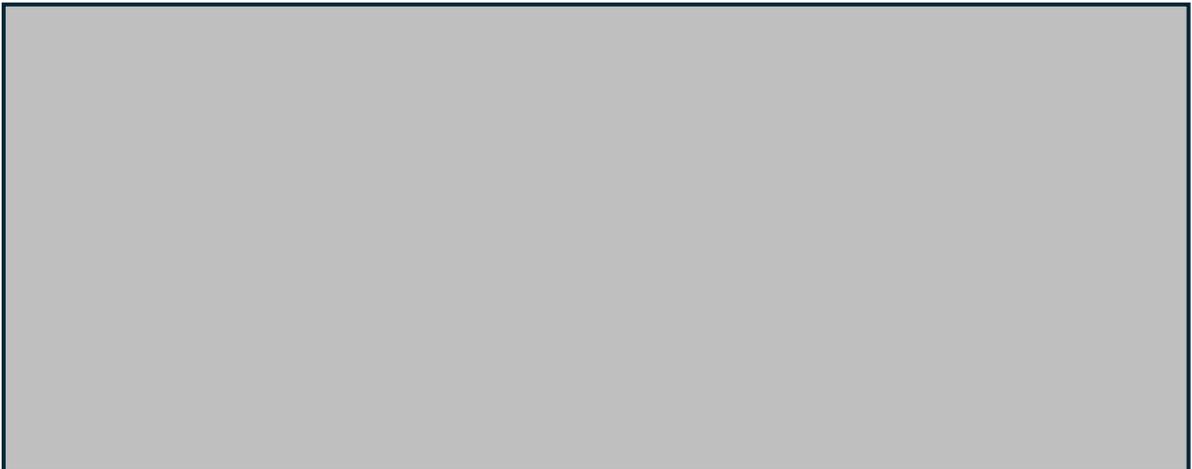
Colleges, Universities and Seminaries

Please describe your college, university, and seminary experiences. Please list each experience separately and include the name of the institution, major/minor, degrees awarded. Include any extracurricular activities and any other pertinent information.



Other Educational Information

Please list any foreign languages that you speak, read, or write and your level of proficiency.

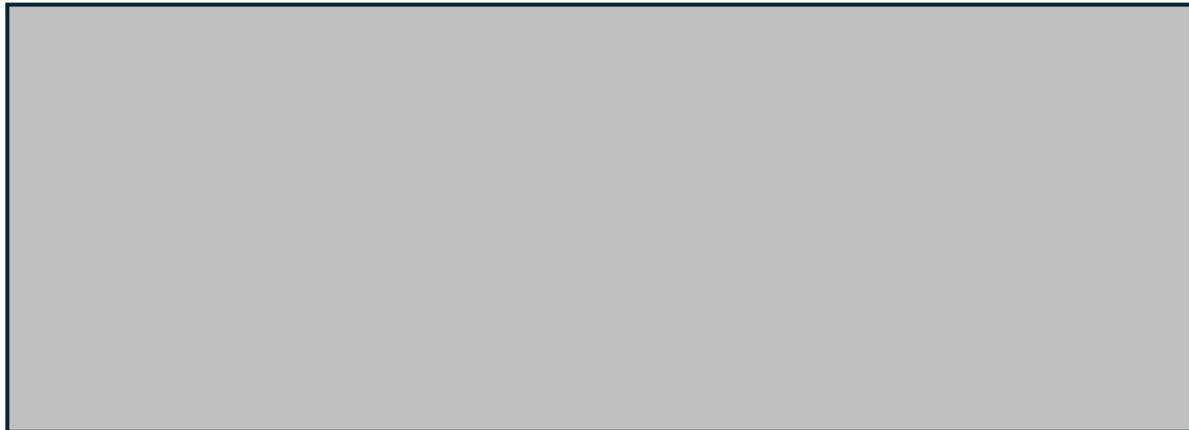


List any other areas of education or special training, as well as any other educational information that you feel might be useful for us to know (for example military specialties, formal leadership or executive programs, etc.).

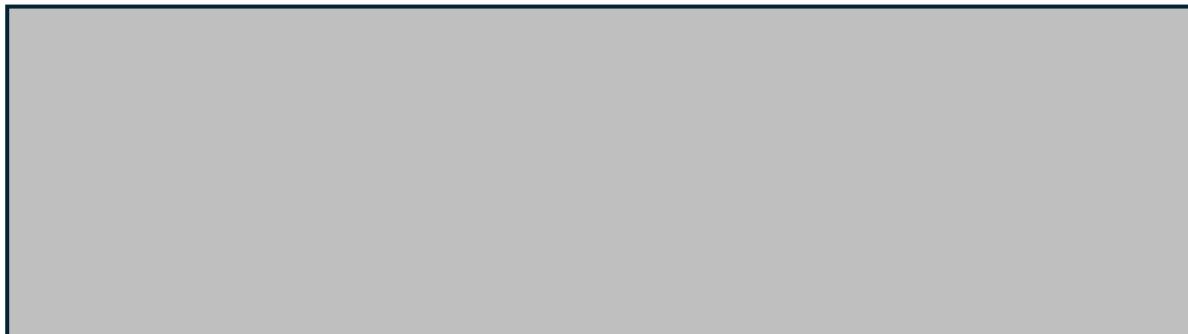


10. Hobbies and Other Personal Interests

Describe your free time away from work.



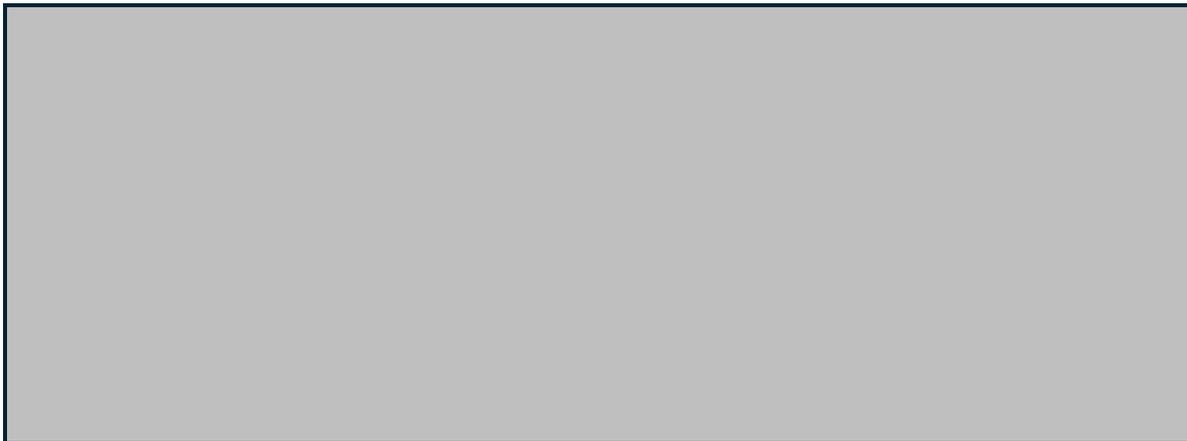
What are your interests and/or hobbies?



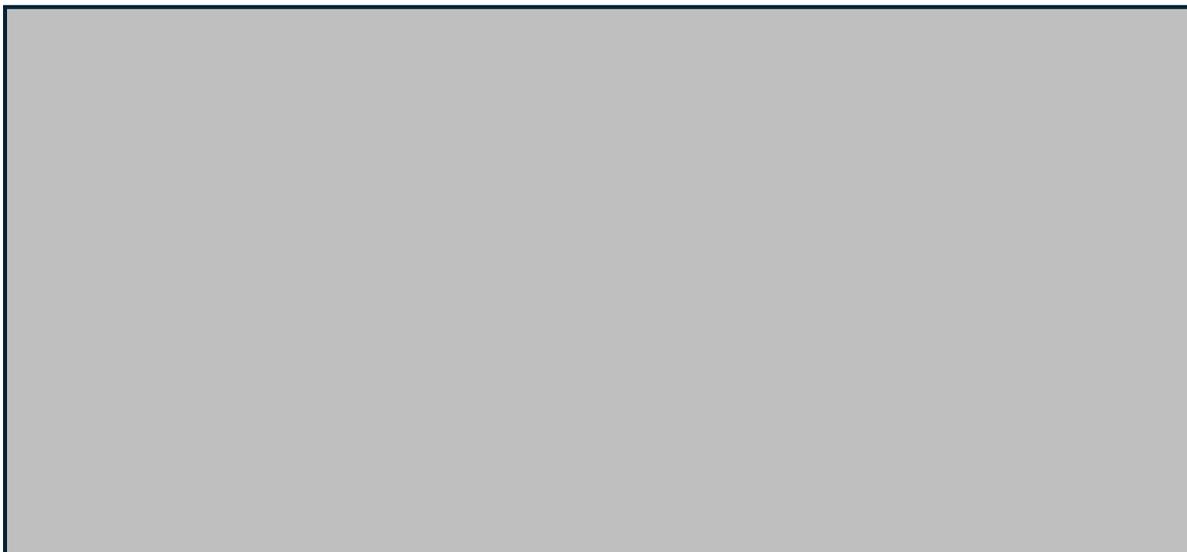
What are your favorite forms of recreation?



List any neighborhood, civic, social, and service organizations to which you belong. Describe your roles in each.



Who are the most important people in your life?



11. Other Personal Information

Have there been any traumatic or distressing events in your life not mentioned thus far?

Are you at ease in the presence of others?

Yes

No

If you answered no above, please elaborate.

Please state some instances where you feel you have served or assisted others in the example or teachings of Christ.

Describe your personality as you view it.



Describe your strengths and strongest qualities, as well as your weaknesses.



12. Personal Narrative

As part of the application process, provide us with a personal narrative that describes your life with an emphasis on your journey in faith. Please compose your narrative in a separate Document and upload it as a PDF file as part of your application.

13. Additional Information

Utilize this space to expound upon responses provided in other places in this application for which space limitations prevented full or coherent answers. Please indicate which questions about which you are expounding. You may also utilize this space to provide additional information you believe will be useful to the Pre-Aspirancy Review Committee.

14. Potential Adverse Information (Interview Discussion Points)

If you have any serious medical, legal, financial, or family issues, not previously addressed through this application, which might adversely affect your ability to effectively serve as a Permanent Deacon, please bring these to our attention at your interview, or contact the Director of Formation to discuss. For questions about possible impediments, please reach out to the Director, Office of the Permanent Diaconate.