

# One Spirit One Church

The Catholic Diocese of One Spirit

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## Confidential Application for Ordination or Admission

### The Catholic Diocese of One Spirit

**This is a two part application.**

**Part I** must be completed in its entirety.

**Part II** is designed to allow the evaluation group to get to know you, the person, your theology and your ideas. There is no hidden agenda, so please answer the questions openly and honestly. All information submitted is confidential and will be revealed only to the Bishop and their advisors involved in your review, and will be reviewed by and remain on file with the diocese.

**It is important** that you disclose any and all information which, if known, might reflect adversely on yourself or the diocese. One's past or current lifestyle is not necessarily a barrier to ordination or acceptance.

**The Catholic Diocese** of One Spirit intends that all its ministers share a similar broad perspective. There is no litmus test on issues, but our progressive views and our application of the Gospel invitations would cause more conservative theological people to be uncomfortable with the rest of us, and similarly in reverse. Thus, we require that all applicants will have read and absorbed select books within the Resources section at [www.ContemporaryCatholic.org](http://www.ContemporaryCatholic.org). For those who have no theological training, we will suggest that you either enroll in a seminary program near you, which must be approved by our president or his/her delegate, or you enroll in Global Ministry University for distance learning through the Internet.



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**A criminal background** check (not financial or other kind of check) will be performed as a part of this application process, particularly so that people who have a predilection for harming others will not potentially inflict harm on others through this diocese. To complete and submit this application in its entirety, you thereby consent and authorize this investigation. The results will remain a confidential part of this application and will remain the property of The Catholic Diocese of One Spirit.

background check.

Please mail completed applications to:

Director of Ministerial Admissions  
The Catholic Diocese of One Spirit  
13419 Cavalier Woods Drive  
Clifton, VA 20124



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## Part 1

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Date of App \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Characteristics

Sex \_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_

Citizenship:

- Born in USA
- Born Abroad of US Parents
- Naturalized
- Derived from Naturalized Parent



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**Part I: Confidential Application for Ordination or Admission (continued)**

List and all other Names used, including nicknames: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status

- Single
- Married
- Divorced
- Other Committed Relationship

List Dependents Other than yourself

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Arrests:

\* You must list ALL arrest information regardless of whether you have previously disclosed this information or whether your case has been “sealed” expunged or otherwise stricken from the court record. You must also include all courts marital or non-judicial punishment (Article 15 UCMJ or Captain’s Mast). You may exclude minor traffic violations for which a fine or forfeiture of \$100.00 or less was imposed unless alcohol or drug related.

Yes No                      A. Have you ever been arrested, charged, cited, held or detained by Federal, State, or other law enforcement or juvenile authorities regardless of whether the charge was dropped or dismissed or you were found not guilty?

B. List Details of “Yes” answers  
(Date /Nature of Offense /Name/Location/Law Enforcement Agency  
/Penalty Imposed)



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Drug/Alcohol Use and Mental Health

Yes answers must be explained in detail on separate sheet.

- a. Have you ever been involved in the illegal purchase, manufacture, trafficking, production or sale of any narcotic, depressant, stimulant, hallucinogen, or cannabis? Yes            No
  
- b. Have you ever misused or abused any drug prescribed by a licensed physician? Yes            No
  
- c. Have you ever been treated for a mental, emotional, psychological, or personality disorder/condition/problem ? Yes            No

I certify that the entries made by me are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement can result in the rejection of this application or the denial or termination of my membership and ministerial accreditation within the Catholic Diocese of One Spirit.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Part II**

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Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper, preferably typed. You may answer these questions in any form that you desire, and your brevity or length is irrelevant, simply answer them as completely as you feel necessary to explain who you are or your thoughts on a particular subject.

1. Your Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Marital or Relationship Status:
4. Hobbies or Avocations:
5. State of Health (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual) Please include any conditions which may effect your ministry in any way
6. Strengths and Limitations as a minister:
7. Anything which may appear in your background investigation which you feel may warrant a further explanation:
8. Philosophy of Life:
9. Profound Influences in Life; favorite books, authors, and WHY?
10. People (Living or Dead- known personally or unknown personally) most admired and WHY?
11. Motivating personal values:
12. Most important problems in today's society:
13. Possible effect of a ministry in the Catholic Diocese of One Spirit on family, friends, employment, or present religious affiliation:



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### Part II: Application for Ordination or Admission (continued)

13. Possible effect of a ministry in the Catholic Diocese of One Spirit on family, friends, employment, or present religious affiliation:
14. What does progressive Catholicism, unburdened by required dogmas, mean to you?
15. Prior religious affiliation and its effect on you:
16. Previous church offices, orders received, or positions held. (Attach certificate or other appropriate substantiating documentation):
17. Describe regular spiritual development activities in the past and now:
18. Most effective ways you renew and refresh your spirit:
19. What calls you to submit this application and how is your chosen ministry envisioned now and five years from now:
20. Explain your current spiritual concepts regarding the following: Jesus, scripture, the sacraments, liturgy, apostolic succession, doctrine & dogma, women priests & bishops, married priests & bishops, divorce, celibacy, homosexuality, pre-marital sex, contraception, abortion:
21. Life experience: please attach a resume and if you have not previously done so attach all supporting documentation, transcripts, etc., of degrees or certificates earned.
22. What education do you feel that you need in order to fulfill your role as deacon or priest?
23. Any other information that you feel might be valuable to the committee in its evaluation of your application:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_