Theological Education – The Journey

Begin by reading the information on the diocesan website. When ready, make an appointment with the Director of Theological Education.

Discernment:
Online and face to face Sessions.
Covering call and vocation, Anglican ministry, blessings & costs.

Vicar’s reference and Examining Chaplains
To advise whether or not the aspirant is to be recommended to attend a Selection Conference.

Selection
The selection conference determines whether the aspirant is to be offered a place as a candidate for ordination.

If the recommendation of the Selection Conference is positive, and candidacy is accepted, the aspirant will become a Diocesan Candidate (in training for ordination).

Training & Formation at theological college
Diocesan Candidates are required to undertake theological education and training at either Ridley College or Trinity College Theological School. Each candidate is also linked to an Examining Chaplain throughout the duration of their candidature.

Field Education
Whilst in College candidates undertake Supervised Theological Field Education (STFE) placements, and one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

In the last year of training and formation, the candidate’s readiness for ordination is assessed in conjunction with the training colleges.

Exiting Students Interviews
The Examining Chaplains then interview each candidate and make recommendations to the Archbishop about the readiness of the candidate for ordination.

If the recommendation is for ordination and the Archbishop accepts that recommendation the candidate is scheduled for ordination the following February.

During the period August to February every effort is made to arrange a ministry appointment for each person scheduled to be ordained.

The Retreat.
Those to be ordained go on retreat for the three days immediately prior to the ordination.

Ordination

Ordained as Deacon and licensed to a ministry position.

Ordained as Priest and licensed as a Ministry Leader.

Assistant Curate in Training.

Post Ordination Training

It is Jesus whom we proclaim, warning and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:28

The Ministry Development Program
Assistant Curates participate in the Ministry Development Program (MDP) during the first three years of ordained ministry

Professional Development
All of those ordained are called to lifelong learning and formation in ministry. The Diocese offers a range of further training opportunities for those in their 4th year from ordination and beyond.

Some of those ordained Deacon may proceed to ordination as Priest. For administrative purposes, those proceeding to ordination as Priest are referred to as transitional Deacons.

Transitional Deacons Interviews
Towards the end of the year, those Deacons who will be proceeding to ordination as Priest, are again interviewed by the Examining Chaplains who make recommendations to the Archbishop concerning their readiness for ordination as Priest. The ordaining of new priests usually takes place in late November.

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