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Application for Ordination/Incardination

Name _____
(Last Name) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address:

Date and Place of Birth: _____

Social Security Number/ID number _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Gender Identity: **Male / Female / Transgender/ Other** _____

Marital status: **Single / Married / Partnered / Divorced / Other** _____

Spouse/partner & children's names (if applicable) _____

Have you been previously married? **Yes / No**
If yes, please provide details _____

Baptism/Confirmation (dates and place/denomination details)

Where do you currently worship?

Education:

High School (When and where did you graduate?)

College/Trade School /University (Institution, courses, dates, and degrees)

Seminary/School of Theological Studies (Institution, dates, degrees)

Clinical Pastoral Education – CPE (Institutions, units and dates)

Counseling experience (secular/pastoral) information:

Other training, courses, etc. (give summary)

If additional education/ training is required, all seminary classes are conducted through St. Thomas Aquinas University, incorporated in the state of Florida, USA. (<https://www.stthomasaquinasuniversity.com>)

St. Thomas Aquinas University is a non-accredited religious institution, chartered under the laws of the state of Florida as a nonprofit corporation and operates in accordance with Chapter 1005, Section 1005.06 Florida statues, Commission for Independent Education. The statue states that as a religious college it may operate without government oversight as long as it meets certain criteria. St. Thomas Aquinas University meets such criteria. The college awards religious degrees for clergy formation within Christ Communion as well as professional development programs in a variety of subjects. You will need copies of your transcripts/degrees when applying to St. Thomas Aquinas University. This application, answers to questions, and a digital copy of a photo may be sent via email to: info@StThomasAquinasUniversity.com. Please put "Ordination" in subject heading.

Personal Sensitive Information (to be kept in confidence.)

How would you rate your health?

Approximate weight: _____ kg/ lbs. Height: _____

Are you presently taking any medications? **Yes / No** If yes, give details.

Have you ever used drugs for other than medical purposes?

If necessary, and if it is felt necessary, would you be willing to sign a release form for medical or psychiatric records? **Yes / No**

If no, please state your reason:

Have you had any serious illness or hospitalization?

Have you ever had a serious mental or nervous breakdown?

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (Give brief comment and any special related circumstances.) _____

Police Report – Would you be willing to provide a Police Clearance if requested? **Yes / No**

If no, please state your reason:

Leadership:

What would you suggest are your strongest leadership points?

What would you suggest are some leadership weaknesses?

Would you say you are religious or spiritual? Explain your answer.

Do you take Scripture literally or is it subject to interpretation?

How often do you read the Bible for personal inspiration?

How would you describe your prayer life outside of public worship?

Christians accept Jesus as their salvation. What is your opinion on those of other faiths, such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, etc?

Explain recent changes in your religious life, if any:

Do you feel God is calling you to a change? **Yes/No** Explain:

Employment information (brief summary or attach resume)

Previous Ordination (give denomination and date(s))

Do you at present hold any clerical/ministerial license? If so, with whom?

Do you currently hold any vow of obedience to a bishop? If so, with whom?

If you are seeking incardination, why did you leave your original faith group & when?

Goals in Ministry: What do you now feel called to do in Ministry?

Is there any area of ministry you would prefer not to do?

Do you have any questions or concerns you wish to address?

Please understand that the nature of our ministry is self-supportive.

How do you feel about this in your particular situation?

Personal References:

Please give three references (other than relatives) that can attest to your character and suitability for Ordination/Incardination. It may speed up the process if they are included.

Name _____ Relationship _____
Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

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I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I HAVE ANSWERED THESE QUESTIONS AS HONESTLY AND FAIRLY AS POSSIBLE ACCORDING OT THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

I ALSO AUTHORIZE CHRIST COMMUNION, ITS OFFICERS AND/OR REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTACT THE REFERENCES I HAVE PRESENTED. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM REFERENCES WILL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE. I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL NOT HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM REFERENCES BY CHRIST COMMUNION.

Signature _____
Date _____



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Disclosure and Release from Liability

Disclosure:

The following disclosure is confidential and is for the sole use of officials of Christ Communion for the purpose of determining the suitability of an applicant for admission to St. Thomas Aquinas University and/or Holy Orders, whether by ordination or incardination, in Christ Communion. All affirmative answers must be explained in detail either here or on a separate sheet.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a felony in the United States or in any other country?
Yes / No If yes, give details.

2. Are you now under litigation or engaged in any criminal or civil legal proceedings including bankruptcy? **Yes / No** If yes, give details.

3. Are you now under treatment for any psychological, emotional, or personality disorder/condition/ problem? **Yes / No** If yes, give details.

4. Are you now being treated for the abuse of any legal or illegal drug including prescription medications and alcohol? **Yes / No** If yes, give details.

Disclaimer:

I, the undersigned, certify that the forgoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that knowing and willful false statements made herein may cause me to be subject to disciplinary action by Christ Communion. Christ Communion shall not be held responsible for my criminal acts or civil liabilities or for the criminal acts or civil liabilities of any of its clergy. Furthermore, Christ Communion cannot undertake my legal defense, or that of any clergy person or seminarian, and shall pursue its own process of disciplinary action independent of any criminal or civil legal action. I, the undersigned, release Christ Communion from any responsibility for my actions and waive all claims upon Christ Communion and/or any other of its members and agree to hold harmless Christ Communion, its officers, and other members.

Signed _____

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I hereby affirm that I agree with these beliefs without reservation and will adhere to them.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____