

**A Very General Overview of the Process Leading to Ordained Ministry
In the Diocese of Los Angeles**

| | Personal Discernment | Congregational Discernment | Diocesan Discernment Year (DDY) | Postulancy | Candidacy | Ordination to the Diaconate | Ordination to the Presbyterate |
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| Persons Involved | Sponsoring Priest Spiritual Director* Friends Other Mentors Members of Congregation | Congregational Discernment Committee (at Sponsoring Congregation) Sponsoring Priest Spiritual Director* | Congregational Discernment Committee (at DDY Congregation) Sponsoring Priest Mentoring (DDY) Priest COMpanion COM DDY Committee DDY Cohort Facilitators Spiritual Director* | Dean of Seminary Sponsoring Priest CPE Director CPE & Field Ed Mentors COMpanion Spiritual Director* | Dean of Seminary Sponsoring Priest COMpanion Spiritual Director* | | |
| Typical Length of Time | | One Year | One Year | 18-24 Months | 18-24 Months | 6 Months | |
| What's Going On | | Work in Home Congregation | Work in DDY Congregation (approx 8 hrs/week) | Seminary | Seminary General Ordination Examination (GOE's) in Jan of Sr. Year | Transitional Diaconate in Congregation or other setting | |
| Requirements to Move Forward | Sponsoring Priest's Agreement to form CDC | Approval of COM and Bishop at DDY Conference | Approval of COM and Bishop at Formation Retreat | At least 50% of Seminary completed including CPE Approval of COM, Standing Committee and Bishop at Candidacy BACOM | Seminary completed Certification by COM of completion of Formation Plan Approval of Standing Committee and Bishop | Approval of Standing Committee and Bishop | |
| Documents Required to Move Forward | | Application Report and form from LDC Letter from Rector/Vicar Educational Transcripts Background Check Safe Church Training Psychological Evaluation Vestry/BC Recommendation for DDY | Report from LDC Student's Evaluation of DDY Experience Mentoring (DDY) Priest's Report Vestry/BC Nomination for Specific Order of Ministry | Application Vestry Endorsement Dean's Report | Application Vestry Endorsement Medical Application Psychiatric Exams | | |
| What One is Called | | Discerner | Discerner, then Nominee once the Vestry nominates | Postulant | Candidate | Deacon | Priest |
| <p style="text-align: center;">* The Spiritual Director is a personal resource for the discerner and does not report to the COM or the Bishop **DIG = Discernment Information Gathering</p> | | | | | | | |