



AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION

(VICE) PROVINCE of _____

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PRESENTATION FOR DIACONATE

- N.B.:*
- 1. Please print everything in block letters.*
 - 2. Please print the family name, first name, and other names as they appear in the Directory of Religious.*
 - 3. On all documents, please print them in the same order.*

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FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME (OR OTHER NAMES): _____

Born on _____ at _____ Diocese of _____

Date of PERPETUAL PROFESSION: _____

Date when made a LECTOR: _____

Date when made an ACOLYTE: _____

Date foreseen for ordination as DEACON: _____

Dates/duration of DIACONATE program: _____

DECISION

The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, decides to call to the DIACONATE (or to extend the period prior to the diaconate by _____ months) Brother _____

Completed in _____ on _____

The Secretary General

The Superior General

THIS DOSSIER INCLUDES TEN (10) ITEMS

(see *RL 159, Ratio 166 and CR 197*)

- 1** The letter of request – *A letter written to the Provincial Superior, dated and signed by the candidate, asking to be admitted to the order of deacon.*
- ✓ The candidate should declare formally that he is committing himself spontaneously and freely, and definitively, that he is fully conscious of the responsibilities that ordination imposes.
 - ✓ He should also articulate his reasons for asking to be ordained and to exercise this ministry:
 - Why are you asking to be a transitional deacon (and eventually a priest)?
 - What is the diaconate for you, in the context of your country and of your Church?
- 2** Self-evaluation and personal plan – *The candidate critically reviews the pastoral formation he has received to date and the different apostolic experiences he has had. He should explain how he dealt with these different experiences (See Ratio, pages 72-74).*
- ✓ What have been the positive as well as the negative aspects of your pastoral formation and your apostolic experiences? During your formation prior to your diaconate, what initiatives did you take? What have you discovered? What were your setbacks?
 - ✓ In terms of pastoral ministry, what are the strengths and qualities, the weaknesses and limitations that you have recognized in yourself?
 - ✓ How do you plan to develop your qualities and to make up for your deficiencies?
 - ✓ What attitudes do you intend to cultivate to become an apostle rooted in the spirit of the Assumption?
 - ✓ What are your desires? Your projects? How do you integrate them into the needs and the overall project of your Province and of the Congregation?
- 3** The attestation of the required studies, with transcripts and professors' evaluations
- 4** References (testimonies) by priests and lay people who know the religious (*RL 159*)
- 5** The Local Community's report (*Ratio 166*)
- 6** Report of the Local Superior or of the Formator who has been following the religious
- 7** The report of the Formation Director for the Province, after having received the Formation Commission's opinion (with the results of the secret vote) (*Ratio 166*)
- 8** The opinion of the Provincial Council (with the results of the secret vote) (*Ratio 166*)
- 9** The personal opinion of the Provincial Superior (*Ratio 166*) and his reflections on the apostolic orientation of the candidate, followed by his personal opinion and recommendation on the matter (see p. 4 of this form)

The diaconate program – *The diaconate program should be elaborated by the candidate with his future program director, taking into account those things that the candidate himself and his formators have indicated need to be worked on. This program should be approved by the Provincial Superior and submitted to the Superior General (See Ratio 159-162).*

They will pay particular attention to:

- ✓ The place, the length of the training, and the name of the religious in charge of his accompaniment must be clearly stated.
- ✓ The expectations from the candidate during his training must be clearly stated: goals to attain, foreseen means, attitudes to develop, and the responsibilities to be assumed by the deacon.
- ✓ The evaluations of the program during the training.

CONTENT OF THE REPORTS AND OPINIONS

Reports and opinions will essentially focus on (*Ratio*, p.75):

- 1) The candidate's motivations for requesting ordination.
- 2) The overall development of the candidate, at the human, spiritual, community, and especially pastoral levels: his strengths, his weaknesses, his lacunae, his attitudes.
- 3) The points to which the candidate and the religious in charge of his accompaniment should pay special attention: goals to attain, means and different apostolic fields appropriate to those goals, attitudes to develop during the diaconate training.
- 4) Elements in the candidate's experience that reveal or confirm an apostolic orientation.

Spirit of the reports and opinions

- 1) The different reports should not repeat each other. They should complete, enrich and clarify one another.
- 2) As for the opinions, they should not consist in a repetition of the dossier. They underline elements that emerge from the dossier and on which one bases one's position in favour of or against the request of the candidate.

CANONICAL QUESTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

The candidate must

- Be at least twenty-three years (23) old (*Canon Law* 1031 # 1);
- Be a finally professed religious (*Canon Law* 1037) ;
- Have received and exercised the ministries of lector and of acolyte; an interval of six months between the reception of the ministries of lector-acolyte and that of the diaconate (*Canon Law* 1035 # 1 and 2);
- Have presented to the Provincial Superior a written request, dated and signed by himself, formally declaring that he spontaneously, freely, and for life, and consciously commits himself to the ordained ministry and all its obligations. (*Canon Law* 1028 and 1036).

NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOSSIER

The dossier should be submitted to the Superior General fifteen days before the beginning of the General Council session. Any dossier will not be considered if it is incomplete or if it reaches Rome after the first day of the General Council session. The precise dates of these sessions are printed in AA – News.

First Apostolic Assignment. Presentation For Diaconate.

In view of the first apostolic assignment.

1. Recall the two apostolic orientations suggested at the time of the request for final vows.

2. Summarize what in the current request was said on this matter by :
 - a. The candidate
 - b. The Formation Committee or the one in charge of formation in the Province
 - c. His community
 - d. The Provincial

3. Present two possible apostolic orientations and explain why they seem to be the most advisable.
If they are the same as the ones presented at the time of the request for final vows, explain how these orientations have been developed in the interim.
If they are different, explain in detail why there is a change of direction.

4. Describe the type of formation that the candidate could or should pursue in order to undertake the apostolic responsibilities envisaged.