



St. Macrina Orthodox Institute

FOR RENEWAL OF DIAKONIA AND CATECHESIS IN THE MIDWEST

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DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST CATECHIST AND DIACONAL PROGRAM APPLICATION

NAME, LEGAL AND
BAPTISMAL/CHRISMATIONAL:

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME, CELL, WORK

EMAIL ADDRESSES

PARISH MEMBERSHIP AT

DEANERY

ARE YOU A COMMUNICANT IN THE
ORTHODOX CHURCH? Y / N

ARE YOU TAKING THE CLASS AS
PREPARATORY FOR APPLICATION FOR
ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE, FOR A
CATECHIST CERTIFICATE OR JUST FOR
ENRICHMENT?

I UNDERSTAND THAT ORDINATION TO
THE DIACONATE REQUIRES FURTHER
PETITION PROCESS AND APPROVAL OF
THE DIOCESAN BISHOP AND THE SYNOD
OF BISHOPS OF THE OCA?

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE CATECHIST
CERTIFICATE AND ORDINATION TO THE
DIACONATE ARE BESTOWED AS
MINISTRIES BY THE ORTHODOX
CHURCH, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE
LOCAL BISHOP?

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:

I UNDERSTAND THAT CATECHETICAL
MINISTRY
AND THE DIACONATE ARE IN SERVICE TO
THE CHURCH, AND THAT ONE MAY BE
CALLED TO MINISTER AND OFFICIALLY
BE ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE THAN ONE'S
PRESENT PARISH, IN PARTICULAR, IF
ONE IS ORDAINED TO DIACONATE?

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:

I UNDERSTAND THAT ORDINATION TO
THE DIACONATE PRECLUDES MARRIAGE
AFTER ORDINATION, AND THAT A
CATECHIST MUST LIVE AN EXEMPLARY
LIFE?

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF ONE SERVES IN
A MINISTERIAL AND EDUCATIONAL
CAPACITY IN THE CHURCH, ONE IS
REQUIRED ABIDE BY ALL THE

“POLICIES, STANDARDS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH OF AMERICA ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT.” I WILL REVIEW THE DOCUMENT, PROVIDE PERSONAL CHARACTER REFERENCES, SUBMIT TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, UNDERGO A PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION (IF FURTHER PETITIONING FOR THE DIACONATE, AT PARISH EXPENSE) ACCORDING TO THE NORMS SUPPLIED BY THE DIOCESE AND ST. MACRINA’S INSTITUTE DIRECTOR AND FULFIL ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO MEET THE MANDATE OF THE AFORESAID “POLICIES AND STANDARDS...”

**SIGNATURE: _____
DATE:**

I UNDERSTAND THAT FULFILLMENT OF THIS PROGRAM ONLY OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PETITION FOR ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE CANONICALLY ALLOWED, AND THAT THIS PROGRAM, BY ITSELF, DOES NOT OPEN UP THE POSSIBILITY OF PETITIONING FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

**SIGNATURE: _____
DATE:**

I UNDERSTAND THAT ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OR CATECHIST DO NOT ENTITLE ONE TO FINANCIAL REMUNERATION FROM THE PARISH OR DIOCESE, AS THESE ARE VOLUNTEERING OF SERVICES WITHOUT CHARGE IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:

I UNDERSTAND THIS PROGRAM COMMITS ME TO AN ONGOING PATH OF SPIRITUAL WORK AND EDUCATION, CONTINUING THROUGH THE WHOLE OF MY LIFE AND WHATEVER MINISTRY THE CHURCH CALLS ME TO.

**SIGNATURE: _____
DATE:**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROGRAM IS ABOUT FURTHERING MY ADHERENCE AND OBEDIENCE TO GOD FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT AS KNOWN THROUGH THE HOLY CHURCH AND HER TRADITION.

**SIGNATURE: _____
DATE:**

THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH A LETTER FROM ONE’S PARISH PRIEST (AND ALSO FROM ONE’S SPIRITUAL FATHER, IF OTHER THAN ONE’S PARISH PRIEST) ACKNOWLEDGING AND BLESSING YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM.

THE DIRECTOR OF ST. MACRINA’ ORTHODOX INSTITUTE (AT ADDRESS ABOVE), THE DIOCESAN BISHOP, THE LOCAL DEAN OF YOUR DEANERY AND THE CHANCELLOR OF THE DIOCESE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AND FORWARDED COPIES OF THIS APPLICATION AND THE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

IT IS RECOMMENDED ALSO TO HAVE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN ONE’S PASTOR AND SPIRITUAL FATHER.