



The Episcopal Diocese of New York

APPROXIMATE COSTS FOR ORDINATION *(subject to change):*

Note: Church Canons ask that sponsoring parishes contribute toward a Postulant's tuition. Financial assistance may be available to aspirants undergoing financial hardship

Nominees for Ordination to the Diaconate and Priesthood

- Psychological testing - \$2,000
- Physical exam - Depends on level of insurance coverage
- Background check - \$250
- Miscellaneous application fees - \$250

Postulants to the Vocational Diaconate

- Education for Ministry (EfM): Total costs for 4 years: \$1,540 (based on \$385/year)
OR
- Specific courses at approved seminary (cost is per credit according to seminary)
- Diaconal Formation Program tuition costs: \$2,250 (based on 3 years at \$750/year)
- Follow-up psychologist exam prior to ordination \$350

Postulants to the Priesthood

- A three-year Master of Divinity at an approved, accredited Episcopal seminary is usually required for postulants to the priesthood.
- Costs vary, depending on the seminary.
- As of Fall 2024, current postulants and candidates are attending: Berkeley Divinity School/Yale Divinity School, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, General Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, Virginia Theological Seminary, School of Theology – University of the South, or pursuing individual formation approved by the Bishop.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nominees for Postulancy for the Priesthood

FROM: The Rev. Canon Masud Ibn Syedullah TSSF, Interim Canon for Ministry

RE: Financial Resources available for preparation for ordination

The Canons require that the Bishop consults with Nominees regarding financial resources that will be available for their support during preparation for ordination. Also, during Postulancy and later Candidacy, the Bishop (or an appointee) shall review periodically the financial condition and plans of Postulants. (Canon III.8.3 (a))

To assist this effort, we have developed a useful electronic worksheet that will enable the Bishop and Nominees to get a somewhat realistic picture of how their financial situations might change during the 3 years of seminary.

Attached with this memo is the worksheet, please complete and send this with your application materials. We understand that you will need to estimate some categories. It is unlikely now that you will know much about scholarships and loans or even actual costs. We ask simply that you do the best you can by gathering information from seminaries you are interested in attending.

You may have a spouse or partner whose income will continue while you are in seminary but, unless your personal situation is very unusual, do not expect to be able to earn much yourself while you are in seminary - \$2,000 a year would be a reasonable amount to enter for now. Expect that whatever costs the seminary estimates, they will be higher for you and by the time you enter seminary.

This exercise will probably take some time to complete. If you have questions, please be in touch with the Ministry Office. We will be happy to provide whatever assistance we can.



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Financial Planning Worksheet

Canon III.8.3 (a)

NAME:

DATE:

Existing Debt (yours & spouse/partner)	
Student Loans:	\$ -
Credit Card debt	\$ -
Auto	\$ -
Mortgage	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
TOTAL Existing Debt	\$ -

Estimated Expenses	
Tuition & fees	\$ -
Rent	\$ -
Food	\$ -
Books & Supplies	\$ -
Clothes/laundry	\$ -
Travel	\$ -
Insurance	\$ -
Recreation	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
TOTAL Estimated Expenses	\$ -

Estimated Resources	
Expected loans	\$ -
Summer earnings	\$ -
Part/time work	\$ -
Earnings of spouse/partner	\$ -
Allocated from savings	\$ -
Veteran's benefits (if any)	\$ -
Value of other Assets (excluding personal items)	\$ -
Assistance from family	\$ -
Grant from parish	\$ -
Other Grants expected (specify)	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
Other (please specify)	\$ -
TOTAL Estimated Resources	\$ -