



Application for Incardination/Ordination

General Instructions

This application is for clergy who wish to incardinate into the Catholic Episcopal Church from other jurisdictions as part of their intent to become Deacons, Priests or Bishops. Individuals wishing to incardinate must have prior pastoral experience and must have already been ordained or consecrated. Individuals who have not already been sacramentally ordained or consecrated must submit to instruction and ordination as part of the process of incardination.

This application is also used for individuals in discernment of a vocation to Holy Orders. In some cases when differing theology may exist, retraining and instruction is required.

Information requested in this application will be kept confidential. All information submitted with this application will be verified independently, so please be detailed in providing dates and locations and all other relevant information. Any material misstatement of fact shall be considered deliberate, and shall be grounds for rejection of this application. This application in no way guarantees or provides and promise to the recipient of successfully being incardinated.

Basic Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell/Mobile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Secular Employer: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Position: _____ Years Employed There: _____

None of our Bishops, Priests or Deacons receive a Salary or any Financial Remuneration from the Church.

Do You Make Enough Money to Support Yourself and Family? _____

Have You Ever Been Convicted of a Felony Offense? _____ *If so, describe on a separate sheet of paper.*

Have You Ever Been Adjudicated Mentally Incompetent by any Court, or institutionalized for any mental illness?
_____ *If so, describe in detail on a separate sheet of paper.*

Do you have any kind of an illness that would interfere with your ability to pastor a parish? _____
If so, describe in detail on a separate sheet of paper.

Pastoral Information

What denomination are you currently or most recently? _____

How long have you been this denomination? _____ years _____ months

What other churches/denominations have you belonged to in the past eight years?

How long have you been actively ministering? _____

If you are an ordained Bishop, please list on separate pages, the names of the Priests, Deacons, Ordinands and Parishes under your jurisdiction who have expressed willingness to follow you into CEC membership.

(each individual will be required to submit this Application Form and Declaration for Membership).

If you are an Archbishop of your present Denomination, please list on separate pages, the names of the Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Ordinands and Parishes under your jurisdiction, who have expressed willingness follow you into CEC membership.

(each individual will be required to submit this Application Form and Declaration for Membership).

If you are choosing to join The Catholic Episcopal Church as an individual, leaving those under your jurisdiction to your former Denomination, are you willing to put aside your current status and assume the title of "Monsignor", serving under your appointed member of The Council of Bishops until you have built a new Episcopal jurisdiction and can resume your ministry as Bishop, approved by the CEC?

Where did you receive your formal training and instruction in Philosophy/Theology/Scripture/Church History?

List all College Degrees/Relevant Courses that you have studied: [NOTE: Enclose all copies of any and all college degrees, and certified transcripts along with this application]

Please describe, on separate sheets of paper, your reasons for wanting to incardinate, where you are theologically and how you came to be where you are theologically. Include also your understanding on the following theological points: The Sacraments, The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, Catholicism and why you feel you are drawn to it, and any discussions that you have had with your congregation (if any) regarding becoming catholic or incardinating into the CEC. Please take your time and be as detailed as possible. Touch upon each point completely.

What Gender do you identify as? _____

Are you married? _____ **If so, how long have you been married?** _____

If so, will your partner approve of your ministry in the Catholic Episcopal Church? _____

Have you ever been divorced? _____

Enclosed is a "Declaration of Membership" for the church. After reading it; Do you feel that it represents your devout and unchanging faith and belief? (If so, sign the Statement of Faith and return with this Application.)

Do you have any theological problems with Catholicism or personal obstructions that prevent you from fully incardinating? _____
(If so, please state in detail on a separate sheet.)

Do you understand, that as a catholic priest, you will be required loyalty to your jurisdictional (The Council of Bishops) in ministering to the faithful of the church, and that you must agree to the Code of Canon Law of the CEC, in its entirety, and fully support it? _____

Financial History

Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? _____ **If so, when?** _____

(If so, provide certified copy, with clerk's seal, of final disposition, signed by the federal judge assigned the case. This information can be retrieved by our research department but we do not ask for your social security number which is necessary to conduct a financial background investigation, thus we ask you to furnish the data.)

Have you ever been the subject of any civil or criminal action regarding any outstanding debts? _____
(If so, please state in detail and the outcome on a separate sheet of paper.)

Has any church that you personally have pastored been the subject of any civil or criminal investigation into any kind of financial wrongdoing, or misappropriation of funds? _____

(If so, please indicate, in detail, the problems encountered which initiated the investigation, as well as the result of the investigation, on a separate sheet of paper.)

Have you ever had to close any church bank account due to problems with funding or use of existing funds? _____

(If so, please indicate, in detail, the problems encountered which initiated the investigation, as well as the result of the investigation, on a separate sheet of paper.)

How many years have you had being in a position of oversight or responsible charge regarding church finances?

If an audit of your current congregation's/parish's financial records were to be requested, would your Board of Directors be able to provide one? _____

Documentation Checklist

- *Certificate(s) of Ordination, University/College Degrees/Certs*
- *Copy of Driver's License or State ID*
- *One (1) Head & Shoulders Color Photograph in clerics. (if ordained)*
- *The e-mail addresses of 2 people who are willing to give you a Reference*
- *Signed "Declaration of Membership" . A Copy of your Curriculum Vitae, (including prior church minstry).*
- *Certificate or Letter of Police Clearance (Sex Offenders and Human Trafficking Certificate/Criminal Record)*
- *Certificate of Excardination from former Church, & all additional paperwork requested with the Application,*

Acknowledgment

I understand that by submitting this Application for Incardination, that I am not guaranteed acceptance. Further I understand that acceptance shall be based, in part, upon the information and documents that I have submitted (and failed to submit), the investigation of the veracity of any document submitted, along with additional determinations and processes of the CEC.

I do hereby give my permission to Catholic Episcopal Church to conduct a complete, reasonable and diligent inquiry and investigation into my background, for the purpose of determining my suitability and the veracity of any and all information submitted herein. In addition, I understand that the CEC may use outside agencies to conduct said investigation, may obtain credit reports, may obtain police reports and any and all other public records and reports directly or from outside agencies, in order to reasonably determine my suitability and the truthfulness of the information submitted herein.

I further understand that any material misstatement of fact within this Application may be ground for rejection.

I do hereby completely and absolutely as well as (my heirs, executors and administrators) indemnify, waive, release and hold harmless, The Catholic Episcopal Church, its directors, executives, employees, representatives, agents and subcontracted agents from any and all liability and causes of action, including (but not limited to) third party causes of action, arising in any way, directly or indirectly, out of this Application for Incardination, theological instruction, training (mine or others), and any church activities or any pastoral activities whatsoever, occurring or arising as a result thereof. In consent and full agreement to these terms and provisions,

Do you accept our Faith, Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy, Code of Conduct and our Canon Law?

See our website:- www.catholic-episcopal.com/about-us

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(Please e-mail this completed Application Form, any Additional Documents and the completed Declaration of Membership to the Bishop responsible for applicants from your country).

I set my signature below:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



DECLARATION for MEMBERSHIP of THE CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such as are agreeable to the same”.

I, , do seek to become a member of the CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH

I, , do declare that I have read and fully understand and agree with the *DOCTRINES, TENETS and PRACTICES* of the CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH as set out in its web pages on www.catholic-episcopal.com and agree to uphold them to the best of my ability.

I further swear allegiance to Council of Bishops of the CATHOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH, their heirs and successors.

Signed: *Date:*.....