



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

OFFICE FORMATION, MINISTRY, AND LIFE OF PERMANENT DEACONS
DIACONAL FORMATION

INQUIRY AND ADMISSION FOR DIACONATE FORMATION ORDER OF PROCESS

INQUIRY

1. Fill out Online **Inquiry Form**: <https://fwdioc.org/deacon-inquiry-form>
2. Attend Deacon Formation Information **Session #1** (DFIS) – **ZOOM (Virtual Meeting)**
 - a. For inquirers only (ages 25+)
 - b. Discernment Questions
3. Attend Deacon Formation Information **Session #2** – **ZOOM (Virtual Meeting)**
 - a. Inquirers and wives attend this session
 - b. Explore any Impediments to Holy Orders
4. **Application** for Admission to Diaconate Formation is sent to Inquirer

APPLICATION

1. The inquirer will
 - a. Turn in Application
 - b. Complete online marriage assessment **Prepare and Enrich** (marital assessment)
 - c. Take personality inventory **Culture Index Survey** (personality traits)
2. After review of Application, Prepare and Enrich and Culture Index Survey, the Applicant may or may not be asked to continue in the screening process. If invited to continue, the applicant will:
 - a. Participate in **Psychological Testing** (both applicant and spouse)
 - b. Take the Deacon Insight Profile (**DIP**)
3. After review of Psychological Testing and Deacon Insight Profile, the Applicant may or may not be asked to continue in the screening process. If invited to continue, the applicant will:
 - a. Have formal interview (both applicant and spouse) with Coordinator Admissions and Coordinator of Wives Formation
 - b. Have formal interview (both applicant and spouse) with Director of Formation and Admission and Scrutinies Committee
4. After interview is completed, the Admission and Scrutinies Committee will meet to vote on applicant recommendations
5. The Committee will give a Written Report with Recommendation to Director of Diaconal Formation
6. Director of Diaconal Formation meets with Bishop and/or Vicar General for his decision on each applicant
7. Letters Sent Out with Bishop's Decision

ASPIRANT PATH OF FORMATION: 1 YEAR

1. **Orientation:** Director of Diaconal Formation along with the Coordinator of Admissions and formation team meet with new Aspirants & Spouses to go over the Aspirant Path of Formation.
2. **Aspirant Path of Formation**
 - a. Assessment Areas Include: Vocational, Spiritual, Human, Pastoral and Intellectual Dimensions
 - b. At the end of year: Interview of Both (Aspirant and Spouse) with Director of Formation and Coordinators of Aspirancy and Admission and Scrutinies Committee
3. Committee submits a Written Report with Recommendation
4. Director of Diaconal Formation meets with Bishop and/or Vicar General for his decision on each Aspirant
5. Letters Sent Out with Bishop's Decision
6. If invited to continue, the Aspirant and spouse will participate in a retreat
 - a. Shortly after the retreat, the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is celebrated;
 - b. The Bishop presides at the Eucharistic celebration and formally accepts the aspirants as candidates for Holy Orders

CANDIDATE PATH OF FORMATION: 4 YEARS

Orientation: Director of Diaconal Formation along with the Coordinator of Admissions and formation team meet with new candidates & spouses to go over the Candidate Path of Formation.

Contact Deacon Scott France at scottfrance@holyredeemeraledo.org for more information on the initial inquiry and selection process for admission to diaconate formation.