



DIOCESE OF FORT WORTH

DIACONATE FORMATION

STAGES OF FORMATION

FIRST STAGE

- **VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT**
 - RECRUITMENT - Pastor/Deacon Nomination
 - DISCERNMENT AND SELECTION - Inquiry Sessions/Application
 - ASPIRANCY (2 YEARS) - Intensive Discernment (Human and Spiritual Growth)

SECOND STAGE

- **FORMATION**
 - CANDIDACY (4 YEARS) - Preparation for Holy Orders (Diaconate)
 - FORMATION OF WIVES - Human and Spiritual Growth
 - FORMATION OF FAMILY - Events of Fellowship

THIRD STAGE

- **PERMANENT FORMATION**
 - POST-ORDINATION FORMATION (FIRST 3 YEARS)
 - DEACONS - ONGOING FORMATION AND MENTORSHIP
 - PASTORAL FORMATION OF WIVES AND FAMILY