

PARISH COMMENDATION FOR DEACONS

The following form is to be completed by the Rector and Chair of the Parish Discernment Committee.

The information in the form should represent the considered opinion of the Parish Discernment Committee.

**THE COMPLETED FORM IS TO BE SENT TO
THE SYNOD OFFICE and the DIRECTOR OF DEACONS**

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**THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

We, the clergy and laity of the parish of _____,
commend _____ to The Bishop for
consideration as a candidate for the Diaconate. We have known the above named individual for a
period of _____.

Our association with him/her has been the following:

He/she has functioned in the following ways in the life of the congregation:

We believe that the following gifts and characteristics make him/her particularly suited to diaconal
ministry:

We offer the following concerns or limitations which might need attention or consideration if this
individual were to proceed toward ordination:

We would _____ would not _____ be prepared to accept this individual for service as an ordained person in this parish, given proper preparation for ordained ministry. If not, please comment.

We offer the following advice or counsel to the Bishop and the Director of Deacons regarding this candidate:

We acknowledge that while Deacons are non-stipendiary, deacons may annually request budgetary support for reimbursement of expenses they incur including, but not necessarily limited to, professional association membership, conferences and other continuing education and travel related to their ministry.

MOTION:

We the parish of *(Parish, City) commend *(First and Last Name) to the Bishop of Niagara for consideration as a candidate for the Diaconate for ministry in this parish.

VESTRY DATE: _____

Rector

Chair, Parish Discernment Committee

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