



ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN
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CLERGY APPLICATION

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Or include as attachment
REQUIRED

Clergy seeking admission to the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin from another province or ACNA diocese, or from another denomination must complete this form and email it to admin@anglicandsj.org.

If you need additional space for your responses, please add them on another sheet and attach to this application. Your photo must accompany the application

FULL NAME: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Work _____ Home _____ Mobile _____

Email _____ Birth Date: _____

Have you applied previously? If yes, when? _____

Do you have any social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.)?

If "Yes," may we add/friend/follow/etc. those accounts?

If "Yes," please list the type of account(s) and the "handle"/username we can find you at for each account:

Table with 2 columns: Account Type, Handle/Username. Rows 1-4.

FAMILY

Marital Status: (s) ____ (m) ____ (d) ____ (w) ____ If applicable, number of previous marriages: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

If divorced, please list dates of your previous marriage and, in a separate attachment, describe the circumstances of your divorce. DATES OF PREVIOUS MARRIAGE: _____

Table with 2 columns: Children's Names, Birthdates. Rows 1-4.

EMPLOYMENT

Current Cure/church of service: _____ How long? _____

Brief Employment History: (Please attach your resume)

PERSONAL

Hobbies and Interests

Baptism

Church: _____ City/State _____ Date _____
by: _____

Confirmation

Church: _____ City/State _____ Date _____
by the Rt. Rev. _____ Bishop of _____

Date Ordained Deacon _____; Ordained by the Rt. Rev. _____,
Bishop of [Diocese] _____, in
[Church] _____, [City/State] _____

Date Ordained Priest _____; Ordained by the Rt. Rev. _____,
Bishop of [Diocese] _____, in
[Church] _____, [City/State] _____

Date Ordained in a non-Anglican/Roman Catholic/Eastern Orthodox Denomination [if applicable]:

_____, by _____, in
[City/State] _____

EDUCATION

Academic institutions attended with degrees or certificates:

NAME OF INSTITUTION

DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE

THEOLOGICAL

Can you sign, without reservation, the Jerusalem Declaration? (See attached.)

If no, please state your objections below.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Employment as a clergy member with the ADSJ requires the release of information from the candidate's prior diocese which includes may not be limited to his/her clergy file, health and psychological screenings. The Applicant's signature below acknowledges and grants the release of clergy file information, should an offer of employment be made. Additionally, a separate background check, with the candidate's authorization, may be required.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Application: _____

Please send your completed application to admin@anglicandsj.org.

Applicants must send in:

- The Application
- The Spiritual Autobiography.
- A cover letter stating why you think you would be a good candidate for this position.
- A resume (no more than two pages).
- Three personal references who are able to speak to your love of Jesus and your ministry skills.
- The name and contact information for your bishop.
- Additionally, please provide brief, typed responses to the following additional questions:
 1. What is your understanding of being a member of the clergy in charge of a congregation?
 2. What are your expectations from the members of the congregation, and how can the Diocese and the congregation work to accomplish them together?
 3. What you believe to be your spiritual gifts and how do they fit in with the position to which you are applying?
 4. How would you propose to attract, nurture, and retain families with youth?
 5. Please describe the circumstances surrounding the last person you brought to Christ and when that was.

Writing a Spiritual Autobiography

A Spiritual Autobiography is a description of your call to ordained ministry within the context of your life history. This is not your life story, although we are interested in knowing a little bit about that. We want to hear the story of your call to ordained ministry. Please include important points of life context. ***If you are coming to Anglicanism from another Christian tradition please include a description of this journey.***

Your Spiritual Autobiography will be treated with utmost respect and confidentiality. Your Spiritual Autobiography is very helpful in the discernment process. Writing a Spiritual Autobiography also provides you with a thought exercise that will help you be prepared for the often-asked questions “Why do you want to be ordained?” or “How did you come to be ordained?”. (Tip: after you write the long version of this story, condense it to an “elevator pitch” for future use)

Please prayerfully reflect and use these other questions as you write your Spiritual Autobiography:

1. When and how did you first become aware of and/or committed to following Jesus Christ?
2. Who was the last person you brought to Christ? How did that process work? Where is that person now if you know?
3. In what ways have you grown in Christ-likeness over the past years?
4. What obstacles, trials, or failures have you faced in life? How did these events shape your faith? How did you respond in these situations?
5. What are your strengths and barriers, particularly those recognized by others? Are there types of communities where your leadership skills would be especially appreciated? Are there groups of people that it is hard for you to minister to? Does your present context draw on your God-given personality and strengths?
6. What things have you done (or are you doing) in order to develop your strengths and to minimize the ill effects of your barriers, in order to maximize your effectiveness in serving God?

Please title your document using the following convention: “Spiritual Autobiography: first name last name” and please limit your Spiritual Autobiography to three pages or less typed 12 point font.

The Jerusalem Declaration

Note: To serve in the Diocese of San Joaquin, you are asked to read and provide your assent to the Jerusalem Declaration with your signature and date.

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.

We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.

We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.

We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Savior from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.

We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.

We recognize that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.

We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.

We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptize, teach and bring new believers to maturity.

We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.

We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognize the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.

We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.

We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.

We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.

Name:

Signature:

Date: