

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN
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Clergy seeking admission to the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin from another Province or ACNA Diocese, or from another Denomination will need to complete this form as soon as possible before their initial interview with the Bishop of San Joaquin, returning the completed form to the Vocational Officer at the above address. If you need additional space for your responses, please use the reverse side or attach an additional sheet of paper. Your photo must accompany the application.

FULL NAME: _____

Address: _____
Street (P.O. Box) City State Zip Phone:

Work () Home () Mobile () _____

Email _____ Birth Date: _____

Have you applied previously? **Circle one: Yes / No** If yes, when? _____

Do you have any social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.)? **Circle one: Yes / No**

If "Yes," may we add/friend/follow/etc. those accounts? **Circle one: Yes / No**

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

<u>Account Type</u>	<u>"Handle"/Username</u>
1) _____	1) _____
2) _____	2) _____
3) _____	3) _____
4) _____	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: _____

Children's Names	Birthdates
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

PERSONAL

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

Brief Employment History: **(Please attach separate sheet/resume or use Employment History form)**

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

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

As part of the candidate selection process, the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin requests standard background check files from any diocese, or institution within which the candidate was employed or served in a clerical or a licensed ministry capacity. Furthermore, if the background check information is incomplete, unavailable, and/or is over five (5) years old, the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin will require the Candidate to complete a full background check.

I give approval for the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin to request my background check file from my previous diocese and/or institution in which I served in a clerical or licensed ministry capacity.

I understand that I may be required to go through a full background check with the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin if the background check information is incomplete, unavailable, and/or is over five (5) years old.

Attach your Spiritual Autobiography (*see below for instructions*). Additionally, please respond to the following questions (as applicable) on a separate sheet and attach them as well:

1. How do you view the authority of Scripture?
2. How do you view the Sacraments of the Church?
3. Describe what you believe to be your spiritual gifts.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date of Application: _____

Anyone interested in applying to a position at a Congregation in the Anglican Diocese of San Joaquin should contact the Diocesan Office at: admin@anglicandsj.org or by calling 559-244-4828. Applicants must send in:

- The application and additional materials, including 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.
- Also briefly answer the following 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 spiritual gifts and skills can you bring to the congregation that will help them to grow in our spiritual and common life?
 4. How would you propose to attract, nurture, and retain families with youth?

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.***

Everyone who reads your Spiritual Autobiography will treat it with utmost respect and confidentiality. Your Spiritual Autobiography is very helpful in the discernment process.

The exercise of 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.

