Instructions for Preparing for Your Ordination Service

As you're reflecting on, preparing for and planning your Ordination Service alongside your Rector and the diocesan office, here are a few key instructions to follow.

- **Confirm Your Confirmation**. If you have not been confirmed in the Anglican church, please let us know immediately. We can arrange to have you confirmed prior to your Ordination Service, if necessary.

- **Choose Presenters**. Begin thinking about who should present you. These should be people who have played significant roles in your spiritual journey, and may include spouses, parents, deans, rectors, church leaders, spiritual advisors, etc. Each candidate typically chooses 2-3 people to present them. Your Rector may provide additional guidelines for this part of the Ordination Service and will let you know when he needs your presenters' names, along with the names of any other people involved in the service.

- **Complete the Certificate and Oaths**. The diocesan office will produce and ship your ordination documents to the address we have on file for you. We will use the spelling of your name as it appears on your application for the certificates. Please be sure to check all the documents carefully when we send them to you. You and Bishop Todd will sign hard copies during and after your Ordination Service.

- **Purchase Your Vestments.** During the Ordination Service, clergy will be wearing collars and vesting in albs/cinctures/stoles. You can find what you need at http://almy.com, or your Rector may be able to recommend a local shop. Please consult with your Rector before purchasing your vestments, so that you will be vested in the convention of your parish.
  A few additional notes on vestments:
  Red stole: Your parish or friends may be providing your red stole as an ordination gift, so please be sure to check with them before purchasing one yourself. Transitional Deacons may choose to buy a priest's stole and either tie or pin it to the side. If you need a stole, please let us know, and we'll be happy to help.
  Alb: It is preferable to wear a white alb like this one. If you do not have an alb, you can try to borrow one locally, or we can try to borrow one for you. Just let us know.
  Cincture: Transitional Deacons should purchase cinctures that will be long enough to be tied for a Priest's stole as well.
  Collar: The Rev. Ed McNeill has created this video to help you as you put on your collar for the first time.

- **Stay after the Ordination Service to take photos** with the Bishop, other new Clergy, and your family members.

- **Send a Photo**. Please email us a headshot/photo that we can use to celebrate your ordination on social media. Also, feel free to share ordination photos on social media yourself. We will look for

your posts and share them.

Your C4SO team considers it an honor to walk alongside you from the Local Process all the way to your final ordination. We trust you will uphold this lifelong calling with the utmost integrity. Please know that we are holding you in prayer during this time. If you have any questions leading up to your Ordination Service, let us know.