

Priestly Ministry

Equipping the Saints

Expectation

The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God. To be recommended for priestly ministry, the academic, three-year ETS program must be completed.

Knowledge

Scriptures, Church History including Ecumenical movement, Christian theology including Mission theology and missiology, Christian ethics and moral theology, studies in contemporary society including racial and minority groups; liturgics and church music (Christian Worship and music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and hymnal and authorized supplemental texts).

Assignments

- Read the 2 texts provided and show adequate preparation of texts in reflection papers by writing a 5-7 page paper discussing your call to the ordained priesthood, citing the required texts and other appropriate sources. This paper is sent to your tutor for feedback.
- Complete the requirements for certification in Parish Administration, Worship Leader and Preaching and one other certification area such as Christian Formation, Pastoral Visitor, Evangelism or Outreach.

Book List

The Manual of Parish Administration, available through the administrative offices of the national church

Barnett, James Monroe [The Diaconate: A Full and Equal Order : A Comprehensive and Critical Study of the Origin, Development, and Decline of the Diaconate in the Context](#)

Robert Terwilliger and Urban T. Holmes, III [To Be a Priest](#)

Wm Countryman, [Living on the Border of the Holy](#)