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**Pastor Recommendation for Holy Orders**

**Name of Candidate:**

**Parish:**

**I.** **Pastoral Presence and Activity:** *He will help the bishop and his body of priests as a minister of the word, of the altar and of charity.*

*Please comment not only on what the candidate has been doing in terms of ministry, but also identify any strengths and weaknesses in each of the diaconal ministries.*

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD (reading, studying, teaching, preaching):**

**MINISTRY OF THE ALTAR (Liturgical presence, prayerfulness, leadership):**

**MINISTRY OF CHARITY (service to the parish and those in need):**

**II. Pastor’s Assessment**

1. The pastor plays a formative role in the preparation of the candidate as he progresses through the program. You and the candidate have probably interacted in some way throughout his formation. What interaction do you have with the candidate?

2. Based on your own observation and/or the observation of others, how would you judge his progress in preparation for ordained ministry?

3. Do you have any thoughts as to how this man may best serve the Church should he be called to Holy Orders and ordained ministry as a deacon?

**III.** **Personal character:** *...a man of good reputation, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit ... above every suspicion of blame ... firmly rooted in the faith ...*

1. Does the candidate exhibit a sound piety/spirituality which is rooted in and shaped by the Church’s dogmatic and liturgical tradition? How is this manifested?

2. Is the candidate identified by the people as a “servant of all” and as one who can address their needs in a prayerful, sensitive and articulate manner?

3. Do you perceive any formational deficiencies in this man which still need to be addressed?

**IV. Overall Evaluation**

How would you assess his strengths and areas for growth?

Strength:

a.

b.

c.

Growth:

a.

b.

c.

**V. Recommendation for Holy Orders**

**Do you recommend that he be advanced to Holy Orders?**

Yes

I do not recommend at this time because

PARISH SEAL Signature:

Date: