

OCACNA Application for Ordination/Incardination

Thank you for your interest in the Old Catholic Apostolic Church of North America. This form is the first of several forms that must be completed by a candidate in order to apply for ordination or incardination into our church. Submission of this form is not a guarantee of acceptance and this form alone is not the entire application. Please read through all the information on our Vocations page for the entire list of forms.

All questions on this form must be completed. Any questions not answered will be cause for denial of this application. This application must also accompany proof of all claims.

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Sacramental Status

Baptized: Yes No Date of Baptism: _____

Confirmed: Yes No Date of Confirmation: _____

Marital Status: Single Married/Civil Partner Divorced Widowed Separated

Date of Marriage: _____ Name of Spouse: _____

Date of Dissolution: _____

Explain Dissolution of Marriage: _____

What will be the issues for your family if you go on to exercise Ministry? _____

Do you have children? Yes No

Please list your children's names and ages: _____

Have you ever served with or are you currently a member of the Armed or Civil Forces? (List only dates of Active Service in which you actual were in the Military. Do not list any time which you where not on active duty or did not serve within active service.): Yes No

Dates of Active Service: _____

Branch of Active Service: _____

Highest Rank Held while in active service: _____

Type of Discharge from Active Service: _____

Please list all military or civil awards and decorations received while in active service: _____

A true and certified copy of your DD 214 Member Copy 4 must accompany this application.

Combat Service (In which you served as an active member of the military): _____

Where did you see combat (in active service only): _____

Are you now being, or have you ever been, treated for a chronic physical, mental, or emotional illness? Include experience with 12 step recovery programs. Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Do you have any significant debts or financial uncertainties? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Excluding minor traffic violations, have you ever been charged or investigated for a felony or misdemeanor (including suspension or withdrawal of Driving License)? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been accused of any crimes involving children or crimes of a sexual manner (rape, incest, molestation, emotional abuse, domestic violence ect.)? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever used, abused, or been addicted to illegal drugs or narcotics; abused over-the-counter or prescribed drugs or medication; or been treated for drug or alcohol abuse and dependency?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of any crime in any jurisdiction, church, criminal, or civil?

Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Education Information

Have you attended college? Yes No

Dates and Colleges attended: _____

Please include transcripts from the colleges attended with this application.

Did you graduate? Yes No

Dates and Degrees awarded: _____

Please include copies of your degrees with this application.

For additional educational experience, please enter here: _____

Give details of any courses of Christian Education or lay training you have undertaken: _____

Vocational Information

Are you already ordained? Yes No

Please select the offices you have been ordained to: Cleric Subdeacon Deacon Priest

Bishop Monk Nun Friar

Name of Bishop/s that ordained you to the Diaconate: _____

Diaconal Ordination Date (MM/DD/YY) : _____

Diaconal Ordination City/State/Country: _____

Diaconal Ordaining Jurisdiction: _____

Diaconal Ordination Diocese/Religious Order: _____

Name of Bishop/s that ordained you to the Priesthood: _____

Priesthood Ordination Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

Priesthood Ordination City/State/Country: _____

Priesthood Ordaining Jurisdiction: _____

Priesthood Ordination Diocese/Religious Order: _____

Name of Bishop/s that consecrated you to the Bishopric: _____

Bishopric Consecration Date (MM/DD/YY): _____

Bishopric Consecration City/State/Country: _____

Bishopric Consecrating Jurisdiction: _____

Bishopric Consecrating Diocese/Religious Order: _____

(Former or) Current Jurisdiction: _____

(Former or) Current Diocese/Religious Order: _____

(Former or) Current Bishop: _____

Are you currently under the care of a Bishop or non-episcopal denomination? Who? If you were under care, but are no longer, please describe the circumstances of the separation: _____

What type of ministry are you considering?: _____

Give details of any lay ministerial tasks or responsibilities you have undertaken in the Church (eg. sidesperson, house group leader): _____

What alternatives would you consider if you are not recommended for ministerial training?: _____

What do you believe will be the main elements in your future ministry and what are the gifts you think you will bring to it?: _____

What kind of Faith do you have to share?: _____

Describe in detail the reason you feel called to the priesthood in Christ's Church. Indicate when you first felt called, how you approached the pursuit of that call and all the incidents along the way that turned you away from that path. _____

Describe in your own words the mission of a priest. State the aspects of priesthood that are most important, least important and give reasons for your answers. _____

Define how you intend to develop a ministry. State in depth the goals you have set for your ministry. Detail all the means you hope to employ in accomplishing these goals. _____

How do you see yourself growing in OCACNA? What do you feel you can bring to the Communion and to the spreading of the Gospel. _____

How did you find OCACNA and what led you to apply for ordination in our church?: _____

Do you consider yourself to be a "catholic" Christian?: _____

Describe your personal strengths and weaknesses. _____

Describe a conflict situation in which you were involved, how you reacted, what you might have done differently and what you learned about how you react to conflict. _____

Describe your usual reaction to stress. _____

Describe your family's religious affiliation and church attendance during your childhood and adolescence. _____

Calling

Describe how you have felt drawn to the ordained ministry as a vocation. When did you first entertain the idea, what events and people most influenced you and in what specific ways have you experienced this call?: _____

Describe your spiritual life and discipline. _____

What special skills and talents will you bring to ordained ministry?: _____

What specific forms of ordained ministry are most attractive to you? (parish, chaplain, teacher, counselor, diaconal): _____

Family Life

Describe your relationship with your parents and siblings. _____

If applicable, describe your relationship with your spouse and children. _____

How does your immediate family feel about your perceived call to ordained ministry? _____

Misc Questions

What barriers do you see for yourself in pursuing your ministry aspirations?: _____

What are your greatest fears and reservations about pursuing ordination?: _____

What will you do if you are not approved to continue the process?: _____

Please write a brief history (2,000 words) of your faith journey, including significant events, persons, etc. that have influenced you. You may include the autobiography here or attach it as a separate document. If you submit a separate document, please include your name and date at the top of the first page of the document. _____

What are your personal beliefs concerning reincarnation? _____

What are your personal beliefs concerning the Immaculate Conception? _____

What are your personal beliefs concerning the Gifts of Pentecost? _____

Explain your understanding and beliefs concerning the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Elements of the Holy Eucharist. _____

How important is the Bible and thorough knowledge of its content to an Ordained minister? _____

How important is it for the people under your clerical care to regularly study and know the Bible?

How important are the sacraments to salvation? _____

What else besides acceptance of Jesus Christ is required to enter the Kingdom of God? _____

Define and explain in detail the concept of "Eschatology". _____

Define "Holy Spirit". Do you believe in the indwelling of the Spirit? How should we act in light of that belief? _____

How important is an education in Theology, Doctrine, the Bible and Counseling? Be complete in your answer, expressing your personal beliefs in regard to each of these topics and how deeply a presbyter need be versed in these topics. Are there any other subject areas that are important to a priestly education? _____

On your honor as a God-fearing Christian, state how many times you have read the entire Bible (not counting portions associated with regular worship but only that time spent in personal reading).

Where do you stand on the ordination of Women? _____

What roles should a woman play in the Church? _____

What role should a homosexual be allowed to play in our faith? _____

Define sin. _____

State the creeds of our faith. Indicate those parts you find unneeded or unrealistic. _____

References

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Years they have known you: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Years they have known you: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Years they have known you: _____

Acknowledgements

If accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders, or if you are received into OCACNA through incardination, do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will comply with and conform to the canons and codes of

conduct? Yes No Initial: _____

Do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will submit to the guidance, leadership and authority of your Bishop Ordinary and the College of Bishops? Yes No Initial: _____

Do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will not engage in any activity that is or could be interpreted as, schismatic, scandalous, divisive, abusive, discriminatory, or disrespectful? Yes No

Initial: _____

Do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will respect the opinions and practices of other Christians, parishes, and clergy even though you may not personally agree; and that you will strive for unity, and respect the dignity of all God's People? Yes No Initial: _____

I acknowledge that the Archdiocese of the Holy Cross, OCACNA ordains women to all ranks of clergy and ordains homosexuals to all ranks of clergy. Yes No Initial: _____

I acknowledge that the Archdiocese of the Holy Cross, OCACNA does bless same-sex unions and has no policy of discrimination against any human being for any reason. Yes No

Initial: _____

Do you understand that the OCACNA does not provide stipend, recompense or remuneration for its clergy and others, nor does it financially support such missions or churches; and that you will need either to hold secular employment, or live by the grace and generosity of your mission, church, or

program? Yes No Initial: _____

Please initial the following:

The undersigned, an applicant for Holy Orders in the Old Catholic Apostolic Church of North America, give my permission to the Commission on Ordained Ministry to share reports of my physical examination, and my psychological examination, my psychological evaluation, along with my applications for Nomination, Postulancy, Candidacy, to be ordained Deacon, Priest or Bishop and all supporting material supplied by me or my parish or other community of faith with the Commission on Ordained Ministry of OCACNA, Deacon, Priest or Bishop Mentors appointed by the Commission on Ordained Ministry, and the College of Bishops and Vicars. Initial: _____

I further give my permission to the psychological examiners, psychological evaluators and medical examiners to exchange information about me with each other for the purposes of a full and comprehensive assessment of me for Holy Orders. Initial: _____

I understand that the results and reports of the psychological examinations, the psychological evaluations and the medical examinations are the property of OCACNA and are subject to the rules of OCACNA for management of personal information, and may be utilized pursuant to agreements between me and OCACNA. I further agree that OCACNA’s psychiatric or psychological evaluator will be held harmless in any action associated with the management of information gathered in the evaluation process. Initial: _____

I understand and agree that written reports of my medical examination, psychological or psychiatric examination and psychological evaluation will be sent directly to the Presiding Bishop of OCACNA or his other designees and these reports will remain a part of my permanent record with OCACNA.

Initial: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return all applications, supporting documents and any other information to Bishop Gregory Godsey at 118 Frances Drive; North Augusta, SC 29841.