



## Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina Inquirer's Schedule 2019-2020

### **January-October 2019: Discernment with Sponsoring Priest**

- Meet with the Sponsoring Priest regularly to work through the “Questions for Sponsoring Priests” and “Core Values and Fundamental Competencies”
- Complete and discuss with the Sponsoring Priest the background check, medical report, credit check, and spiritual autobiography
- Meet with a Spiritual Director at least monthly
- Complete and submit the application, along with copies of the background check, medical report, credit check, and spiritual autobiography
- Contact Dr. Merck for Psychological assessment (803-771-6684)
- Important dates:
  - Complete psychological assessment: November 1, 2019
  - Applications due: December 1, 2019

### **January-February 2020: Discernment with Commission on Ministry**

- Interview with Commission on Ministry
- Resign from any vestry or other leadership positions in home parish
- Prepare for and make a Sacramental Confession
- Biblical Assessment and Conversations
- Important dates:
  - Interview with COM: January 8, 2020

### **February-July 2020: Discernment through Parish Internship**

- Move to internship parish and work with rector there to develop and carry out a project
- Important dates:
  - Parish Internship agreement due: February 7, 2020
  - Discernment retreat 1: March 6-7, 2020
  - Interim report on internship due: May 1, 2020
  - Final report due: July 15, 2020

### **June-September 2020: Discernment with Mentors**

- Meet at least three times with COM-assigned mentors (one lay and one clergy)
- Follow mentors' instructions regarding further reading and study
- Important dates:
  - Report due to COM after every meeting
  - Discernment retreat 2: August 21-22, 2020
  - Final report Mentor report due: September 15, 2020
  - Postulancy Application due: September 30, 2020

### **October 2020: Decisions by COM and Bishop**

- COM will make a recommendation to Bishop
- Bishop will decide on granting postulancy
- Inquirer, if granted postulancy, will begin contacting seminaries
- Important dates:
  - Interview with COM: October 10, 2020 (Tentative)

\*Dates Subject to change