

# Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina Vocational Discernment Program

## APPLICATION YEAR

### Discernment with Sponsoring Priest

- Review "Questions for Sponsoring Priests" and "Core Values and Fundamental Competencies"
- Meet with a Spiritual Director at least monthly

### Prepare Application

- Complete application requirements and discuss with Sponsoring Priest
- Complete Psychological Exam one month prior to deadline (i.e. by Nov.)

### Submit Application

- Applications due December 1

## SPRING/SUMMER

### January

- Interview with COM
- Resign from leadership positions in home parish
- Prepare for and make a Sacramental Confession
- Discernment Retreat I

### February - August

- Parish Internship and Inquirer Biblical Engagement begins February 1
- Midterm Internship Assessments due April 15
- Biblical Engagement ends May 31
- COM Mentorship begins June 15; meet three times
- Internship ends July 31
- Final Internship Assessments due August 15
- Discernment Retreat II

## FALL/WINTER

### September

- Final COM Mentorship Reports due September 1
- Prepare postulancy application, due September 15

### October

- Postulant interview with COM
- COM makes recommendation to the Bishop
- Bishop will decide to grant postulancy

### November+

- If granted postulancy, begin contacting seminaries
- Ember Day letters