During the period August to February every effort is made to arrange a ministry appointment for each person scheduled to be ordained.

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Ordination

Training & Formation at Theological College

Diocesan Candidates are required to undertake theological education and training at either Ridley College or Trinity College Theological School. Each candidate is also linked to an Examining Chaplain throughout the duration of their candidature.

Field Education

Whilst in College candidates undertake Supervised Theological Field Education (STFE) placements, and one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

In the last year of training and formation, the candidate’s readiness for ordination is assessed in conjunction with the training colleges.

Examining Chaplains

Interviews with at least two examining chaplains, who advise whether or not the Aspirant be recommended to attend a Selection Conference.

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Whole day selection conference determines whether the Aspirant is to offered a place as a candidate for ordination.

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Ministry Development Program

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Year One

The Archbishop’s Year

All Deacons attend the: the diocesan training program for those in their first year.

Some of those ordained Deacon may be proceed to ordination as Priest. For administrative purposes, those proceeding to ordination as Priest are referred to as transitional Deacons.

Transitional Deacons Interviews

Towards the end of the year, those Deacons who will be proceeding to ordination as Priest, are again interviewed by the Examining Chaplains who make recommendations to the Archbishop concerning their readiness for ordination as Priest. The ordaining of new priests usually takes place in late November.

Year Two, Three & Four

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Ordination

If the recommendation of the Selection Conference is positive, and candidacy is accepted, the Aspirant will become a Diocesan Candidate (in training for ordination).

Exiting Students Interviews

The Examining Chaplains then interview each candidate and make recommendations to the Archbishop about the readiness of the candidate for ordination.

If the recommendation is for ordination and the Archbishop accepts that recommendation the candidate is scheduled for ordination the following February.

Colossians 1:28

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Begin by reading the information on the diocesan website. When ready, make an appointment with the Director of Theological Education.

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Seven Sessions. Covering call and vocation, Anglican ministry, blessings & costs.

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