

Diocese of the United Kingdom

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Training Requirements for Ordination

All Candidates wishing to offer themselves for the Ordained Ministry are expected to follow a two-year course of theological training, organised by a recognised Institute of Education, recommended by the Board of Ministry, leading to a Certificate or Diploma.

However, if the Applicant already holds relevant qualifications these may be submitted to the Board of Ministry to consider whether or not there is a need for any possible further training.

The Applicant may suggest an alternative course of study of his own choice, which would need to be approved by the Board. In addition to this requirement, ACC's Faith and Practice may need to be studied in greater depth, this will include Liturgical practice. This would be done through the interaction with an ordained priest/mentor who would be appointed by the Bishop for each Candidate.

We regret the cost of the Training needs to be met by the Candidate. Some financial help may be available in cases of need.

NB: The clergy of the Diocese of the United Kingdom are non stipendiary.

Application Procedure

NB: An applicant should be a member of the ACC for at least six months before training. (Not necessarily before application.) the support of an ACC priest and Mission is highly desirable.

1. The Application form is sent and returned to the Diocesan Office together with any other relevant information.
2. Applicants are then seen by the Bishop, or his representative. **NB:** During a vacancy arrangements must be made for the Episcopal Visitor to see the candidate at some point in the process.

3. If the Applicant is considered suitable by the Bishop, or his representative, references are taken and a police check undertaken.
4. Relevant details from the Application form are sent to the Board of Ministry to enable questions to be drawn up to put to the Applicant at his interview.
5. In consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Ministry the applicant should advise the The Board of Ministry which course he wishes to take. Should the candidate wish to take a course not recommended by the Diocese he may do so provided the course is approved by the Board of Ministry. If the candidate already holds a theological qualification it may be acceptable but must be agreed by the Bishop, or his representative and the Board of Ministry. It is essential that information on the course studied is provided by the candidate and the original qualification certificate seen.
6. The candidate is interviewed by the Board of Ministry.
7. The Board of Ministry notifies the candidate of their decision whether or not to recommend acceptance of the application to the Bishop. If refused the Board is not required to state a reason to the candidate.
8. If acceptance is confirmed by the Bishop, the proposed course of training begins . **NB:** Unfortunately the Candidate is responsible for all course fees. Some help may be available in cases of need.
9. The normal course of training will be for two years at a recognised Educational Institute leading to a Certificate or Diploma. Applicants may be ordained to the Diaconate after one year of successful training and to the Priesthood after two years.
11. In all cases there will be training aimed at the requirements of the Anglican Catholic Church.

The next move:

If having read the above information you feel you would like to pursue your enquiry further you would be most welcome to apply to the Diocesan Office using the Application Form on our website. That would enable us to consider, in detail, your request to join the ACC as an ordained priest or undertake training for the priesthood with us.