



AUGUSTINIANS OF THE ASSUMPTION

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## PRESENTATION FOR PRIESTHOOD

- N.B.:*
- 1. Please print everything in block letters.*
  - 2. Please print the family name, first name, and other names as they appear in the Directory of Religious.*
  - 3. On all documents, please print them in the same order.*

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME (OR OTHER NAMES): \_\_\_\_\_

Born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ordination as DEACON: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Diaconate training: \_\_\_\_\_

Date foreseen for ordination: \_\_\_\_\_

## DECISION

The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, decides to call to the PRIESTHOOD (or to extend the diaconate period by \_\_\_\_\_ months) Brother \_\_\_\_\_

Completed at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

The Secretary General

The Superior General

## THIS DOSSIER IS COMPOSED OF EIGHT ELEMENTS

(see *RL 159, Ratio 169* and *CR 197*)

- 1** The application letter – *A letter written to the Provincial Superior, dated and signed by the candidate, asking to be called to priesthood.*
- ✓ The candidate formally declares that he is committing himself spontaneously and freely, and that he will consecrate himself for life to the ecclesiastical ministry, fully conscious of the responsibilities that the sacred ministry of priesthood imposes.
  - ✓ He should also articulate his reasons for asking to be ordained and to exercise this ministry:
    - Why are you asking to be a priest?
    - What is the priesthood for you, in the context of your country and of your Church?
- 2** The self-evaluation of the diaconate program – The candidate makes a critical evaluation of his pastoral formation and of his apostolic experiences during the exercise of his diaconate program. He also expresses his desires and personal plans for the future. (See *Ratio*, pages 72-74).
- ✓ What have been the positive as well as the negative aspects of your pasoral formation during your diaconate? What initiatives did you take ? what have you discovered ? what were your setbacks?
  - ✓ In terms of pastoral ministry, what are the strengths and qualities, the weaknesses and limitations that you have recognized in yourself?
  - ✓ What are your desires for the future, your plans? How do they fit in with the Province's needs and projects?
- 3** References from priests and lay people who know the religious (*Ratio 169*)
- 4** The Local Community report (*Ratio 169* and 151)
- 5** The report of the religious who was in charge of the accompaniment of the deacon (*Ratio 169* and also 155, 156)
- 6** The report of the Formation Director for the Province (*Ratio 169*)
- 7** The Provincial Council's opinion (with the result of the secret votes) (*Ratio 169*)
- 8** The personal opinion of the Provincial Superior (*Ratio 169*) and his reflections on the apostolic orientation of the candidate, followed by his personal opinion and recommendation on the matter (see p. 4 of this form)

## CONTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE REPORTS AND OPINIONS

### Reports and opinions will essentially focus on (*Ratio*, p.75):

- 1) The motivations of the candidate for his request for ordination to priesthood.
- 2) The way in which the candidate lived his diaconate training, at the human, spiritual, community, and especially pastoral levels.
- 3) The areas and the attitudes to develop to which the new priest and the religious in charge of his accompaniment will pay attention during the first years of priesthood (*Ratio* 157, 163-164).
- 4) Elements in the candidate's experience that reveal or confirm an apostolic orientation.

### The spirit of reports and opinions

- 1) The different reports should not repeat each other. They should complete, enrich and clarify one another.
- 2) As for the opinions, they do not consist in a repetition of the dossier. They underline elements that emerge from the dossier and on which one bases one's position in favour of or against the request of the candidate.

### The program of the newly ordained priest

*The newly ordained priest, with the religious in charge of his accompaniment, and his community, shall elaborate a program of pastoral activities for his first years of priesthood (Ratio 163).*

- That program, approved by the Provincial Superior, must clearly indicate the apostolic responsibilities confided to the newly ordained priest, and all the evaluations to be done during the first years of priesthood as well (*Ratio* 164).
- The Provincial Superior shall obtain the endorsement of the bishop of the region where the priest will exercise his ministry (*Ratio* 165).

### CANONICAL REQUIREMENTS

#### The candidate must:

- Have presented to the Provincial Superior his written request, dated and signed by himself, formally declaring that he spontaneously and freely commits himself for life (*Canon Law* 1036);
- Be at least 25 years (25) old (*Canon Law* 1031 # 1);
- Be free to decide (*Canon Law* 1026);
- Be fully conscious of the obligations in regard to the priesthood (*Canon Law* 1028) ;
- Have exercised the ministry of the diaconate for at least six (6) months (*Canon Law* 1031# 1 and 1032 # 2).

The evaluation of the diaconate training and of the request for the priesthood shall not be undertaken before the completion of the six (6) canonical months (*Ratio*, 160).

### NOTE: DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE DOSSIER

*The dossier should be submitted to the Superior General fifteen days before the beginning of the General Council session. No dossier will be considered if it is incomplete or if it reaches Rome after the first day of the General Council session. The precise dates of these sessions are printed in AA-News.*

# First Apostolic Assignment

## Presentation for the Priesthood

### In view of the first apostolic assignment.

1. Recall the apostolic orientations suggested at the time of the request for final vows and diaconate.
2. Summarize what in the current request for priesthood was said on this matter by :
  - a. The candidate
  - b. The Formation Committee or the one in charge of formation in the Province
  - c. His community
  - d. The Provincial
3. Present the apostolic mission which the Provincial recommends that the Superior General entrust to the candidate as his first apostolic assignment.
  - If this mission is different from the one suggested at the time of the request for diaconate, explain the reasons for the change.
  - Explain how this mission responds to a priority of the Province and/or of the entire Congregation.
  - Summarize from the candidate's journey (apostolic experiences, academic formation, internships « stages », personality traits, etc.) what leads one to conclude that the mission suggested is advisable for the candidate.
4. If necessary, recommend what type of formation the candidate should yet pursue in order to undertake the apostolic responsibilities envisaged.