

Deacon Candidate Formation Timeline

Year 1: Aspirancy

Note: Timeline and durations are approximate and subject to change.

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Discernment			Decision	Academic Winter Session			Academic Spring Session		

Invitation letters are sent out to discerners to begin academic formation in January.

Year 2: Aspirancy

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Academic Fall Session				Academic Winter Session			Academic Spring Session		

Year 3: Candidacy

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Academic Fall Session			Rites	Academic Winter Session			Academic Spring Session		

Rite of Admission to Candidacy

Year 4: Candidacy

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Academic Fall Session			Rites	Academic Winter Session			Academic Spring Session		
Pastoral Assignment									

Rite of Institution to Lector

Year 5: Candidacy

Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
Academic Fall Session			Rites	Academic Winter Session			Academic Spring Session		
Pastoral Assignment				Final Pastoral Assignment					

✚ Ordination

Rite of Institution to Acolyte Candidate attends Canonical Retreat within six months of ordination