



Director of Diaconal Formation  
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## APPLICATION TO ENTER FORMAL FORMATION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

### Questionnaire for Wives of Aspirants:

**Directions:** All information in this questionnaire will be held in strict confidence. Be as specific as possible in your answers. You may use additional pages as needed. Submit a signed, hard copy to the Director of Diaconal Formation, together with an electronic version in Microsoft Word or PDF format by February 1, 2017.

**Today's Date:**

**Diaconal Aspirant's Name:**

**Your Name:**

**Address:**

**Home Phone:**

**Work Phone:**

**Cell Phone:**

**Date of Birth:**

1. Are you a United States Citizen? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If No, please explain:

2. Are you presently employed? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If Yes, where?

3. Education, indicate last grade completed:

Secondary:

College:

Graduate:

4. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, excluding traffic violations?

Yes  No

If Yes, please elaborate:

5. Are you currently under a court order?  Yes  No

If Yes, please elaborate:

6. What is the general state of your health?

Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor

If fair or poor, please elaborate:

7. Have you ever been treated for any serious illnesses over the past five years?

Yes  No

If Yes, and this may impact your husband's formation, please elaborate:

8. Have you ever received treatment or therapy for an emotional condition or psychological condition?

Yes  No

If Yes, please state the condition, treatment received, dates of treatment, outcome and any medications prescribed:

9. Have you ever had any problem with the use of alcohol?  Yes  No  
If Yes, please elaborate:

10. Have you ever used illegal drugs or abused prescription drugs, including marijuana?

Yes  No

If Yes, please elaborate:

11. What are your present evening and weekend commitments (including employment)?

12. Are you a Baptized and Confirmed Latin Rite ("Roman") Catholic?  Yes  No  
If No, please explain and state your religious affiliation:

13. How often do you attend Liturgy of Eucharist (Mass), and how do you participate in the other aspects of the sacramental life of the Church?

14. Please note any parish activities or movements in the Church in which you are involved or have participated (give approx. dates):

15. Are you presently living your personal and family life in conformity with **all** the teachings and precepts of the Catholic Church?

Yes  No

If No, please explain:

16. What was your reaction to your husband's desire to enter Aspirancy? And, what are your feelings now about his desire now to enter formal formation for the permanent diaconate?

17. Have you discussed any of this with him at length?  Yes  No

Are there any particular difficulties that were brought to light by your discussion(s)?

18. Did your children share in making any decisions?  Yes  No  
If No, please explain:

19. What do they think about their father perhaps becoming a deacon?

20. In what ways do you feel that your home life and marriage will benefit from, and be challenged by his participation in diaconal formation and ministry?

21. Involvement in diaconal formation and ministry will demand time spent away from home for you and your husband. How do you see this affecting you, your family, and your marriage?

22. Describe your husband. What kind of person, husband, and father is he? What gifts will your husband bring to the Church and community as a Deacon?

23. Why do you think your husband wants to be a Deacon?

24. Are you strongly supportive of your husband entering into four more years of formation for the permanent diaconate?

Yes  No

If No, please explain:

25. Do you desire to actively participate with him in this? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If No, please explain:

26. What do you expect from the years of diaconal formation?

27. If your husband is ordained, what changes would you foresee making in your life?

28. If your husband is ordained, how do you envision your role as the wife of a deacon at this time?

Please provide the Formation Board a general autobiography, not to exceed three (3) pages, in which you cover the following areas:

- Family of origin.
- Your relationships with parents, siblings, extended family.
- Your relationship with your husband and children, and the influence of any divorces.
- The significant events that have formed your life.
- Your academic experience.
- Important present day relationships.
- Narrate your faith journey.
- Narrate your experience of your husband's call to diaconate and discernment.

**I affirm and attest that I have answered the above questions truthfully. Further, I understand the decision to enter into formation for the Order of Diaconate is neither solely mine nor my husband's to make. I am aware and agree that he may not be invited by the Formation Board or the Bishop to formal formation, candidacy or ordination; and that he may be asked to leave the diaconal formation program at anytime without recourse to this decision. I respectfully submit this questionnaire to the Director of Diaconal Formation of the Diocese of Cheyenne and the Diaconal Formation Board for their discernment.**

**Signature:**

**Date:**