

# Holy Cross

## diaconate program

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Diaconate Program is an educational and formational initiative of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

The faculty of Holy Cross offers a One-week summer educational session each year. The Diaconate Program is a three-year educational program, but students may take up to six years to complete the program. Students are required to complete a total of three one-week sessions and complete the testing of the on-line curriculum required for completion of the program. Admission into the Diaconate Program is a prerequisite for participation in the summer educational sessions. The program consists of four main components:

- (1) Three nine day summer educational sessions held on the campus of Holy Cross;
- (2) affiliation with a metropolis clergy mentor and participation in a local parish setting throughout the duration of the program to be determined by the local Metropolitan
- (3) participation in Metropolis-based Fellowship groups to reinforce and enhance students' understanding of core topics and skill proficiency along with the writing of papers based on personal readings supervised by the faculty of Holy Cross. Each Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America serves as overseer for the students enrolled in the Diaconate Program who reside within his Metropolis; and
- (4) Alumni events, Outreach, and continuing education

Persons from other jurisdictions may apply to participate in this program.

The deadline for registration is July 1<sup>st</sup>

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All of the following are taken into consideration in judging qualifications for admission.

- Completed Application form
- \$275 Application process Fee
- Bachelor's Degree or its equivalent
- Current Resume
- Letter of recommendation from one's Metropolitan including the name of a local clergyman who will serve as mentor
- Priest's Recommendation
- HCHC Background check
- 2 passport size photos of yourself

Once application materials are submitted to Holy Cross, they become the permanent record of Holy Cross and may not be returned to the applicant. Completed applications for the Diaconate Program should be sent to the Office of Admissions at Holy Cross. Students should acknowledge in their application whether they will be participating in this summer's educational sessions. Students who cannot participate in this year's summer sessions are still encouraged to complete an application for the Diaconate Program.

Admission into and successful completion of the Diaconate Program is not a guarantee of future ordination. In the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, candidates for ordination are determined by the local Metropolitan who forwards a recommendation to the Archbishop. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate of Study. Those considering studying for the holy priesthood should apply for the Master of Divinity degree program at Holy Cross.

# Application for Admissions

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### PERSONAL DATA

Year Intended Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about Holy Cross? \_\_\_\_\_

Legal NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  Male  Female  
Last/Family First Middle( Jr. etc)

Prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_ (Nickname) Former Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State/Province/Country Zip/Postal Code

Best Telephone # to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area code)-number

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State/Province Country

If different From Above, Please give a mailing address for correspondence.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town State/Province/Country Zip/Postal Code

Mailing address Telephone # to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Area code)-number

Citizenship:  USA  Dual citizenship-USA and (please specify other): \_\_\_\_\_  
 USA Permanent Resident Visa-Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give the names and ages of your Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATIONAL DATA

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES		DEGREE RECEIVED OR EXPECTED
		FROM	TO	

Honors or scholastic Achievements : \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## WORK EXPERIENCE

List any job that you have held during the past five years.

Specific nature of work	Employer	Dates of employment	Number of hours per week

## CHURCH INFORMATION

Orthodox Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Priest: \_\_\_\_\_ Metropolis/Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you consulted with you parish priest about entering the Diaconate Program?  Yes  No

Have you consulted with your hierarch about entering the Diaconate Program?  Yes  No

Date of Reception into the Orthodox Church: \_\_\_\_\_  By Baptism  By Chrismation  Other

Parish, City, State of Reception \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been affiliated with another church or religion?

No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever taken a vow or promise in a religious order or institution?

No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any canonical impediments to your future ordination as a deacon?

No  Yes \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

"I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate, complete, and honestly presented. I understand that any inaccurate or misleading information or omission will be cause for disqualification from further consideration for admission and will be cause for the rescinding of any offer of admission, or for discipline, dismissal, or revocation of degree if discovered at a later date."

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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