

Am I Called to the Diaconate?

Everyone is called in different ways. God's will is discerned by each individual through prayer, spiritual direction, one's state in life and recognition by the Church. Certain personal, social and spiritual qualities are required for ordained ministry. These are generally of two kinds: those that pattern the candidate in the likeness of Christ, and those required to meet the special needs of the local Church at a particular time and place. Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Diaconate should be actively involved in ministry in his local community and/or parish. A candidate's desire to be a deacon is never sufficient in itself. He must, in addition, await prayerful, enlightened decision of the Church.