

Qualities for Discernment: Distinctive Deacon

| <i>Distinctive Deacon</i> | <i>Christ</i> | <i>Church</i> | <i>World</i> | <i>Self</i> |
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| <i>Love for God</i> <i>The candidate...</i> | Is reliant on God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and lives out an infectious, life-transforming world-focused faith | Is rooted in scripture, the worship of the Church and the living traditions of faith | Whole heartedly, generously and attractively engages with God's world | Is prayerful and studies the Bible |
| <i>Call to Ministry</i> <i>The candidate...</i> | Responds to the call of Christ to be a disciple | Understands the distinctive nature of ordained diaconal ministry | Is committed to being a public and representative person of the Church in the forgotten corners of the world | Articulates an inner sense of call grounded in service |
| <i>Love for People</i> <i>The candidate...</i> | Welcomes Christ in others, listens, values and respects and has a special care for those in poverty and the marginalised | Builds relationships which are collaborative and enabling | Shows God's compassion and care in the world in multifaceted contexts and with social agencies | Has empathy and is aware of how others receive them |
| <i>Wisdom</i> <i>The candidate...</i> | Is inquisitive, curious and open to new learning that connects church and world | Shows instinctively collaborative leadership that enables healthy churches to be bridge-builders in their communities | Is robust and courageous in reflecting the world to the Church and the Church to the world | Is a mature and integrated person of stability and integrity |
| <i>Fruitfulness</i> <i>The candidate...</i> | Embraces the different and animates others to be witnesses and servants | Shows the capacity to exercise diaconal sacramental and liturgical ministry and effective and enabling teaching ministry | Is a storyteller of God's love and agent of God's kingdom of justice | Has resilience and stamina |
| <i>Potential</i> <i>The candidate has potential to...</i> | Grow in faith and to be open to navigating the future in the company of Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit | See the big picture in their context and, within it, enable a Christian community to serve | See where God is working in the world and to read the signs of the times | Be adaptable and agile |