SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND REFLECTIONS ON THE MINISTRY OF A DEACON

Directions:

Those seeking to enter the deacon formation process of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois are asked to offer their reflections on their spiritual journey and on the ministry of a deacon. The following topics should be addressed:

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

- Early years: How did home life affect your spirituality, your relationship with God, your idea of God? (Talk about important people and events which were significant to your spiritual life up to your young adult years. Explain why they were significant.) Limit: ½ typed page

- Young Adult Years: What was your view of God, the Church, yourself as a disciple of Jesus Christ? (Highlight significant people and events.) Limit: ½ typed page

- Adult to Present: Describe your relationship with God, the Church, your family, friends, co-workers. How do you serve God, the Church, your neighbor? Reflect on your prayer life. (Highlight significant people and events.) Limit: 1 typed page

- Future: Talk about your hopes, expectations, and goals. Limit: 1 typed page

MINISTRY OF A DEACON

- Why do you want to be ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois? Limit: 1 typed page

- What do you see yourself doing as a deacon (include any special areas of ministerial interest)? Limit: ½ typed page

- What kind of time commitment, per week, will be realistic to serve as a deacon? How will this ministry affect your family and employment responsibilities? Limit: ½ typed page