

Application for the Reception of Clergy
The Missionary Society of St. John the Evangelist
11195 S. Grayling Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653



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Status sought:

Postulant for Orders _____ Reception as Deacon _____ Reception as Presbyter X _____

Birth date (*mo./day/yr.*) _____ 01/01/1938 _____

Education

High School Year graduated _____ 1956 _____

College Years attended Year graduated _____ 1967-71 East Stroudsburg State College 1971 _____

Degree(s) Major Minor _____ BA English/History _____

College Honors _____ 2 term president of Student Government _____

Sports/Fraternity _____ Varsity Wrestling Alpha Phi Omega(service) Alpha Chi(social) _____

Seminary Years attended Year graduated _____ United Theological Seminary, MN 1999-2000

Nashotah House 2000-2002 _____

Degree _____ MDiv Nashotah House 2002 _____

Advanced Degrees (*what degrees, where?*) _____

MEd studies Glassboro State College NJ, Kean College of New Jersey and University of South Carolina

Liturgy studies St John's University and St Paul Seminary MN

Military Service none last of line survivor rendered me ineligible for draft

Home

Marital status never married _____ Wife's name _____

Wife's education _____ Wife's vocation _____

Her avocation, interests, activities _____

Your wedding anniversary _____

Have you ever been divorced? ___no___ Legally separated? ___no___

Children's names (put ages in parenthesis) ___ none _____

Health

Height 5' 9" Weight 200

Current health status Good

Date of last complete physical January 2008

Physician's name & Office address [Bobby Witten \(MD\)](#)

Suite 100e
115 Medical Cir,
Athens, TX 75751
(903) 675-5742

Have you ever been or are you now being treated for any of the following:

Hypertension Yes Treatment Completed? Mild take medication

Heart disease no Treatment Completed?

Sexually transmitted disease no Treatment Completed?

Drug addiction no Treatment Completed?

Alcoholism no Treatment Completed?

Have you ever been diagnosed as suffering depression or a nervous disorder? no

What was the diagnosis?

When was it made?

What was the course of treatment?

Have you ever seriously entertained suicidal desires or intent? no

Have you ever been counseled for spousal abuse? no

Do you have any physical or mental disabilities that might serve to particularly challenge you in ordained ministry? Moderate arthritis which I manage with occasional medication which is not disabling

Special Interest

Are you a member of a service or social organization (*Kiwanis, Rotary, country club*)
Athens Chamber of Commerce

Are you politically active? yes For whom? Henderson County Democrats

Have you ever been arrested? no When?

What was the charge?

Convicted? Jail time?

Are you active in your community? If yes, how? Yes

Member of the Board ARC campus ministry

Teach part time at Trinity Valley Community College

Volunteer chaplain East Texas Medical Center

Assist Family Peace Project (family abuse organization)

member Seniors of Henderson County

Lay ministry committee for intern at First United Methodist Church, Athens

Moderate monthly Community Breakfast Forums

Direct weekly Adult Respite Day Care

Direct quarterly Community markets

Business

In what professions did you labor before seeking ordained ministry?

Coached wrestling at the college level

Programmed applications for business

Are you presently employed? Yes Where? Coca Cola Enterprises Eagan Mn

Name & phone number of manager Mr. Jeff Indovina 651-681-3581

Ecclesiastical (please include dates, where possible.)

Baptized? yes Where? Price Hill Baptist Church Cincinnati Ohio 1948

Confirmed? yes By whom? +Henry Wise Hobson, Southern Ohio, ECUSA

where? St Michael & All Angels, Cincinnati Ohio 1954 Please attach photocopy

Current parish membership (*church name, address, phone no.*)

St Stephen's Anglican Church

2101 E College St

Athens TX 75751 903-675-1639

Have you ever been under church discipline, or excommunicated? Explain.

Inhibited by +Stephen Strawn, ACA for violation of ordination vows and abandonment of communion

No trial offered

Professional (only for those ordained)

Ordained Deacon (date) December 14, 2004 Ordained Presbyterian (date) May 21, 2005

Ordained by whom +Louis Falk, ACA
(Please attached photocopies)

On a separate sheet, please detail the process of preparation and examination for ordination.
M.Div., Nashotah House, Wisconsin May 2002

Current Parish (or ministry)
St Stephen’s Anglican Church
2101 E College St
Athens TX 75751 903-675-1639

Your title or position Rector

Date installed Called March 2005 Functioned as Priest June 2005
Installed as Rector by +Louis Falk, ACA December 3, 2005

Previous Parish Deacon at St. Dunstan’s Anglican Church,
St. Louis Park Minnesota

Reason for leaving? n/a On good terms?

Doctrinal (only for those ordained)

Please answer all questions on a separate sheet of paper as completely as possible. Please type your answers. Please be thoughtful, but concise and non verbose in your answers.

1. Distinguish the orders of ministry. In the course of your discussions, note the number and functions of the orders.

In all services, the entire Christian assembly participates in such a way that the members of each order within the Church, lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons, fulfill the functions proper to their respective orders, as set forth in the rubrical directions for each service.

1979 ECUSA BCP

It is for the Bishops to maintain Catholic order of the church by placing and supervising the ministry of priests and deacons in his care. It is the function of priests and deacons to serve the church and all its members through leadership of prayer, worship, fellowship, and evangelization subject to the godly admonitions of the bishop.

Of greatest importance is the responsibility for all ordained ministers to support the ministry to which all Christians are ordained through Holy Baptism. I especially take note that the BCP 1979 lists the laity first in the list of orders.

2. What brought you to the Anglican way?

As a teenager I came to the realization that the Catholic Way was for me the best way to practice Christianity and further observation led me to believe that for me Anglicanism was the best way to practice Catholicism. I rejoice in the beauty of the liturgy as found in the Book of Common Prayer and the theology that liturgy espoused. *Lex orandi, lex credendi* is the Anglican way or even better *Lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi*. The more I observed the more I was convinced. The form of the prayer book brought me to the Anglican way; the substance of the prayer book kept me.

3. What is your position on liturgical worship? Which of the following Prayer Books best represents your ideas on liturgical worship (1662, 1928, 1979, ASB, etc.), and why?

I have comfort with virtually all Prayer Books issuing from the First Prayer Book of Edward VI, 1549 except those that go really off the rails (in my opinion) such as the New Zealand book, using the orthodox services included in these books. Like many, my parish claims the 1928 book which means we use the American Missal and other sources that are in conformity with the liturgy found in the 1928 book. Indeed that is the requirements of our parish bylaws.

4. Please articulate your views on the Lord's Supper.

The Holy Eucharist is the service commanded by our Lord and Savior for the church when he said, "This do in remembrance of me." It is the essential act of catholic worship requiring the leadership of a priest or bishop ordained in Apostolic Succession and the presence of at least another person. Ordinary bread and wine, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, become the body and blood of our Savior providing the heavenly banquet for all believers.

5. Please articulate your position on the Sacrament of Baptism. Do you believe in infant baptism? Are your own children baptized? (if applicable)

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is the essential initiation rite for all Christians wherein we are baptized into Christ with water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. At baptism we are also anointed and signed with the cross of Christ and become lifetime committed ministers of Christ. It is my belief that children should be baptized as soon as possible with appropriate sponsors who will faithfully assist their understanding of the vows and promises made in their name as they grow and prosper in the life of the church.

6. What are your views on the inerrancy and infallibility of Holy Scripture? What is your position on verbal inspiration? What is the authority of the Church regarding the Scriptures?

Holy Scripture as included in the canon of scripture accepted by the church represent the inspired word of God containing all things necessary for our salvation. Therefore I would posit that the concepts expounded are inerrant but specific words are not. Methuselah may or may not have been 969 years old but was very old, the Hebrews may or may not have been in the wilderness 40 years but they wandered a long time. The canon was developed by the church and for Anglicans is one leg of the stool that provide our tradition. The stool may not be very comfortable to sit on since I would suggest the legs of tradition and reason might not be of the same length and significance as the leg of scripture.

7. How do you understand the Creation account in Genesis chapters one and two?

That God is the creator of the world and the mechanics of the creation are described in great simplicity and allegory in the stories. Religion and science need not be considered in conflict unless one insists on accepting a literal time schedule and mechanism.

8. How would you assess your familiarity with the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion? Do you embrace the Articles of Religion? Are there areas of reservation or disagreement, and if so, where and why?

38 articles of religion were accepted by the 1801 General Convention as Article 21 was so involved with British issues it was omitted. Unlike England the American church has never required adherence to these articles for ordination or appointment to church or collegiate functions. They are often accepted as being historically contextual and instructional but not necessarily doctrinal. A major concept of Anglicanism is that Holy Scripture contains all doctrine necessary to salvation and none of the theses of the articles rise to that standard.

9. Summarize your position on the doctrine of the church. Compare and contrast episcopacy with other forms of church polity.

Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher wrote, "Anglicanism has no peculiar thought, practice, creed or confession of its own. It has only the Catholic Faith of the ancient Catholic Church, as preserved in the Catholic Creeds and maintained in the Catholic and Apostolic constitution of Christ's Church from the beginning." That faith is universal in its more restrictive sense that is: *Quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus creditum est*. That which has been believed everywhere, always, and by all.

The polity of Anglicanism is hierarchical recognizing the legitimacy of the episcopate and therefore the discomfort we have at St. Stephen's not having such oversight at this time. We are not congregational and therefore we need a just and righteous diocesan affiliation.

10. What are your views on clerical attire? Include a discussion of both the use of the clerical collar, and liturgical vestments. What is your present practice?

At ordination I was set aside from the lay order not for special privilege but for special responsibilities. Every time I think about slipping out to the grocery store out of uniform I remember the persons coming up to me at Wal-Mart's and asking for my prayers for a loved one or the inquiry I get at the bank, "where is your church?" Also being profoundly color blind and the winner of the MIAC worse dressed coach award it is good to have only black to wear. Being nurtured in the Anglo-Catholic tradition I am most comfortable in full Eucharistic vestments but recognize that vestments are the vessel not the substance. When much younger I traveled and was always pleased to find daily mass whether the priest was in chasuble or surplis and stole.

11. What is your position on the gifts of the Spirit?

I believe the Holy Ghost works through us as we try to serve Our Lord whether it be in teaching, preaching, visiting the sick, leading worship, tending to the affairs of the parish or just plain being a presence in the world with our special responsibilities. Innumerable times I have seen the working of the Holy Ghost in our parish life. I honestly believe that my coming to know MSJ was through the direction of the Holy Ghost. Outward signs of the spirit in worship are not part of my experience and I would not encourage it such as setting aside a time for speaking in tongues for example. Should such a manifestation occur I would not seek to repress it. I do encourage anointing for the sick and as we grow in numbers I will add unction to our worship.

12. Are you willing to conform yourself to the traditions and customs of the Anglican way so long as they are not contrary to Holy Scripture?

Yes

13. Do you have any difficulty in complying with the rule of life in the Missionary Society of St John that includes tithing as a mark of covenant stewardship?

I have no reservations. I have always accepted the biblical command of tithing and have calculated it to be 10% of gross, not discretionary and so forth. That being said I would need to beg for permission to share a significant portion of that tithe with my present parish for at least the next 6 months. Currently we are so stretched that virtually all my discretionary income and sacrificial giving from most of our members, some in excess of 10%, goes to keeping our doors open. Based on additional giving from new members and additional revenue generation activities we believe that we will be able to meet our expenses more successfully in mid 2010 which would enable me to give more of my tithe and offerings to the society.

Praying the daily office as a discipline?

A rule I accepted several years ago before ordination. I also observe the rule to attend or officiate at Eucharist on all days of obligation and as so far as possible daily in Advent and Lent.

14. Do you accept the traditional positions of catholic order of an all male priesthood? If not, why not?

Yes. Unless at some future date the church in council would agree that male and female candidates were ontologically qualified for ordination.