**Parish Discernment Process**

1. Convene Discernment Committee – clergy and selected lay leaders

2. Discernment Committee discussion on what a candidate for ordination needs (See section f(1), pp 63 – 65 for canonical guidelines, as well as the Discernment Guidelines, discuss in detail what these mean, list additional qualities not in that list.)

3. Discernment Committee reviews application, prepares questions, concerns, and suggestions based on both application and knowledge of candidate from being in parish together.

4. Discernment Committee meets with applicant to discuss application, questions, concerns, and suggestions. There should be a minimum of three meetings covering these topics and any other questions or concerns the committee has:

a. Candidate's relationship with God

b. Candidate's relationship with jurisdiction and constituent ministries

c. Candidate's relationship with other people

5. Discernment Committee meets to make a recommendation. There are three possible recommendations:

a. Yes, the candidate is an appropriate candidate for ordination, and is ready to proceed in the process.

b. Maybe, the candidate may be an appropriate candidate for ordination, but needs to take some actions before being ready to proceed in the process (with a list of recommended actions).

c. No, the candidate is not an appropriate candidate for ordination in the ICCC.

**Jurisdictional Discernment Process**

1. Chapter of Canons discussion on what a candidate for ordination needs (See section f(1), pp 63 – 65 for canonical guidelines, as well as the Discernment Guidelines, discuss in detail what these mean, list additional qualities not in that list.)

2. Chapter of Canons reviews application, prepares questions, concerns, and suggestions based on both application and knowledge of candidate.

3. Chapter of Canons meets with applicant to discuss application, questions, concerns, and suggestions. The meeting should cover:

a. Candidate's relationship with God

b. Candidate's relationship with jurisdiction and constituent ministries

c. Candidate's relationship with other people

4. Chapter of Canons meets to make a recommendation. There are three possible recommendations:

a. Yes, the candidate is an appropriate candidate for ordination, and is ready to proceed in the process.

b. Maybe, the candidate may be an appropriate candidate for ordination, but needs to take some actions before being ready to proceed in the process (with a list of recommended actions).

c. No, the candidate is not an appropriate candidate for ordination in the ICCC.