Medical and Psychological Examination Information
Diocese of Central Florida

An integral part of each Ordination Process is the canonically mandated Medical Examination and Psychological Evaluation. These are normally scheduled after an aspirant has completed the parish discernment portion of his/her Discernment Process (or is in the process of completing that step, but the medical and psychological examinations may be scheduled sooner at the choice of the aspirant). These evaluations must be satisfactorily completed before the Commission on Ministry can make a recommendation to the Bishop concerning Postulancy (or ordination). The cost of the medical examination is borne by the aspirant or by his/her insurance and the cost of the psychological evaluation (which includes both testing and screening) is borne by the aspirant. Some congregations pay all or part of these expenses. The aspirant is responsible for making his/her own appointments.

Medical Examination
The medical examination is arranged by the aspirant with his/her own physician, using the prescribed form.

Psychological Evaluation consists of two steps:

1) Psychological Testing
In most circumstances, the evaluation process includes psychological testing at the cost of $200. Completion of the testing portion of the evaluation process will be done at the office of either Dr. John Robertson or Dr. Ana Gómez (see contact information below) prior to the screening portion of the evaluation process. Psychological testing will usually be completed within 2 to 2 ½ hours.

2) Psychological Screening
The screening portion of the evaluation process will be conducted by either Dr. John Robertson, Ph.D. or by the Reverend Dr. Wallace Reynolds, Ph.D. if the psychological testing is done at the office of Dr. Robertson; the screening portion of the evaluation process will be conducted by Dr. Ana Gómez if the psychological testing is done at her office. A single interview is usually satisfactory to complete the evaluation process. The cost of the psychological evaluation and screening is $450. The total cost for psychological testing, initial screening interview and evaluation report is $650. The screening interview will require approximately two hours and must be scheduled after the psychological testing, allowing sufficient time (approximately ten business days) for processing of the test results. If the aspirant is married, it is expected that the spouse also will attend the screening interview.

Individual situations vary and, at the discretion of the screening psychologist, additional testing may be requested and an additional interview with a second psychologist may be required. The psychologist will inform the aspirant if additional testing is needed and/or an additional evaluation interview is required. The cost of a second interview, if required, is $400. The costs for any additional testing and a second interview will be borne by the aspirant.
For aspirants residing at a distance from Orlando or attending a residential seminary that is located out of the Orlando area, it may also be possible to arrange testing and evaluation with a licensed psychologist in your area. If the aspirant wishes to pursue this option, arrangements can be made in consultation with The Rev. Dr. Wallace Reynolds in order to insure that the evaluation meets the requirements and standards of the Diocese of Central Florida. Dr. Reynolds’ email address is: drwalreyn@hotmail.com

Contact information for psychological testing and screening:
Arrangements for testing and interview appointments may be made by contacting:

Robertson and Associates Psychological Services
4019 Clarcona Ocoee Road
Orlando, Florida 32810-4270
(407) 297-1185 or (407) 901-2239
mportugal@rapsych.com

OR

Ana L. Gómez, Psy. D.
202 Lookout Place
Suite #100
Maitland, Florida 32751
(407) 927-8154
www.DrAnaGomez.com

Payment for Testing and Screening must be made in full prior to reports being sent to the Diocesan Office. Payment arrangements can be made through the psychologists’ offices.

Enclosed you will find:

1. Behavior Screening Questionnaire

Prior to your appointment for psychological testing and psychiatric evaluation this form is to be completed by the aspirant and a copy returned to:
• The psychologist with whom the aspirant has scheduled their evaluation
• The Diocesan Office to be included in the confidential portion of your discernment file

2. Life History Questionnaire

Prior to your appointment for psychological testing and psychiatric evaluation this form is to be completed by the aspirant and a copy sent to the psychologist with whom you have scheduled your evaluation

DO NOT send a copy of this form to the Diocesan Office

3. Medical Examination Form

To be completed by the aspirant and physician and returned to the Diocesan Office for your discernment file. It is the responsibility of the aspirant to ensure that this form is completed and returned.
Questions?

Questions concerning relevant canons or diocesan requirements should be directed to:

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The Diocese of Central Florida
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Please Note: Failure to follow the above directions will result in an unnecessary delay in your process! Please pay careful attention where multiple copies are required.

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