

Appendix H

**DIOCESE OF MAINE
LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Date _____

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Maine:

We, whose names are hereunder written, do certify, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that

_____,
print name clearly

Deacon, since the _____ day of _____, in the year _____, being the date of ordination to the Diaconate (or for the last three years), has lived a sober, honest and godly life, and has not written, taught, or held anything contrary to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of this Church. And, moreover, we think

_____,
print name clearly

a person worthy to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests. *We set forth, in a letter or statement attached to this certificate, the grounds upon which we make our judgment of the applicant's qualifications.*

SIGNED _____
Member of the Clergy in Charge of the Congregation to which Applicant belongs

VESTRY/BISHOP'S COMMITTEE OF THE CONGREGATION

(To be signed by a two-thirds majority of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee)

ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee of

(Name of Congregation)

at _____, Maine, duly convened on the _____ day of _____, _____, and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____
Clerk of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee

Attached is our statement concerning the applicant.