



Core Values CALL TO PRIESTHOOD



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

Candidates for priesthood in the Diocese of Toronto are Christians called by God who clearly and confidently proclaim and live the Gospel in word, thought and deed, are hope-filled and believe passionately that God's Kingdom is both here and yet to be fulfilled, and who manifest the following core values:

- FAITH
- COMPASSION
- COLLABORATION
- ACCOUNTABILITY
- BOLDNESS



We seek candidates who have a deep love of, understanding of, and dependency on, the triune God. They are people who:

- **ARE COMMITTED** to a life of personal prayer
- **LIVE THEIR FAITH** authentically
- **ARE WILLING AND ABLE**, as disciples of Jesus, to interpret and communicate their faith to the world around them
- **HAVE A DEEP APPRECIATION** of and love for Anglican liturgy as an expression of our worship and Biblical faith in Christ
- **ARE HOPE-FILLED** and believe passionately that the Kingdom is both here and not yet

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We seek candidates who embody the compassion of Christ. They are people who:

- **LISTEN ACTIVELY** and demonstrate empathy as they walk with others
- **ARE SELF-AWARE** and nurture healthy relationships with others
- **RECOGNIZE THAT MINISTRY** is 'not about you' but points beyond themselves to Christ
- **ENDEAVOUR TO SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS**, modeling the love of God, neighbour and self in their own life, and among those they are called to serve

*... as you are being rooted and grounded in love.
I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints,
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

– Ephesians 3:17-19 [NRSV]

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We seek candidates who can recognize the gifts of others and work together to further God's mission in the world. They are people who:

- **EMPOWER OTHERS** to work together, helping them to set aside personal agendas to accomplish common goals
- **ARE ABLE TO LISTEN** at a deep level and are effective facilitators, able to manage conflict to allow for healthy results and relationships
- **MODEL THE SETTING ASIDE** of a personal agenda for the greater good, and how to address one's own conflict with others in healthy, collaborative, and positive ways

We seek candidates who are accountable to God, to themselves and in their professional life. They are people who:

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- **PRACTISE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES** that deepen their relationship with God, keeping them honest with themselves and growing in their ability to communicate the Gospel
- **ENGAGE DEEPLY** in their circumstance, and have a love and a yearning to be in communion with the world around them
- **STRIVE FOR SELF-AWARENESS**, a balanced life, and healthy personal relationships
- **MAINTAIN BOUNDARIES** with confidence and engage in proper care of the physical, spiritual, emotional and intellectual well-being of themselves and those around them
- **UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT** the authority of Scripture, Anglican tradition, and the Canons of the Diocese of Toronto
- **CONSTANTLY SEEK**, in faithfulness to the Gospel, to examine and question those traditions
- **ARE RELIABLE**, flexible and open to feedback

We seek candidates who are confident in God and God's promises and convey that confidence in both word and deed. They are people who:

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- **ARE NOT ASHAMED** of the Gospel but believe and trust in its power to save, and who act out of that power
- **TRUST THAT GOD IS AT WORK** in the world, sometimes despite evidence to the contrary, and can act to move the world closer to God's vision
- **ARE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**, able to lead, take appropriate risks and make decisions based on God's promise to be present wherever God's people are called

Let each of you look
not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.
Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus

– Philippians 2:4-5 [NRSV]



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