

## **Priestly Ministry**

### **Equipping the Saints**

### **Expectation**

The ministry of a priest is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a pastor to the people; to share with the bishop in the overseeing of the Church; to proclaim the Gospel; to administer the sacraments; and to bless and declare pardon in the name of God. To be recommended for priestly ministry, the academic, three-year ETS program must be completed.

### **Knowledge**

Scriptures, Church History including Ecumenical movement, Christian theology including Mission theology and missiology, Christian ethics and moral theology, studies in contemporary society including racial and minority groups; liturgics and church music (Christian Worship and music according to the contents and use of the Book of Common Prayer and hymnal and authorized supplemental texts).

### **Assignments**

- Read the 2 texts provided and show adequate preparation of texts in reflection papers by writing a 5-7 page paper discussing your call to the ordained priesthood, citing the required texts and other appropriate sources. This paper is sent to your tutor for feedback.
- Complete the requirements for certification in Parish Administration, Worship Leader and Preaching and one other certification area such as Christian Formation, Pastoral Visitor, Evangelism or Outreach.

### **Book List**

*The Manual of Parish Administration*, available through the administrative offices of the national church

Barnett, James Monroe [The Diaconate: A Full and Equal Order : A Comprehensive and Critical Study of the Origin, Development, and Decline of the Diaconate in the Context](#)

Robert Terwilliger and Urban T. Holmes, III [To Be a Priest](#)

Wm Countryman, [Living on the Border of the Holy](#)