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Students and prospective students of Saint Andrew's Theological College & Seminary,

Under the direction of the Presiding Bishop of the Orthodox Anglican Church, the Commission for Vocations to the Ministry has updated the ordination standards. This update should not lengthen the time it takes to be ordained to the priesthood. It does, however, require postulants to have successfully completed more Bible courses prior to being ordained to the diaconate. This will allow a typical postulant to be licensed to preach and to be ordained to the diaconate at the same time. Your path toward licensure and ordination may vary if you have prior academic experience in Bible, theology, liturgics, or you have been ordained in another jurisdiction. The updated standards for ordination and the License to Preach are as follows:

- Men consistently participating in the vocations program of the church will be eligible* to be **tonsured** when they have: completed 8 credit hours of recognized theological training; passed the background check; submitted the required references and documents; and demonstrated the ability to conduct the daily offices publicly.
- Men consistently participating in the vocations program of the church will be eligible* to be **licensed to preach** and to be ordained a **Deacon** when they have been: tonsured; successfully completed 40 credit hours of a recognized theology degree or program (consisting of at least 20 credit hours in Bible); passed our canonical exam; met the canonical requirements for ordination to the sacred ministry; demonstrated the ability to conduct public worship according to the *Book of Common Prayer*; demonstrated competence to teach and preach the word of God by preaching a trial sermon before the Presiding Bishop; show evidence of the desire to plant, nurture, and grow a church; and displayed pastoral skills necessary for a variety of ministerial contexts. Exceptions to these requirements may apply to Postulants actively serving at an OAC parish where there is a ministerial need. Only those men granted a licensed to preach by the Presiding Bishop may wear the tippet.

- Men consistently participating in the vocations program of the church will be eligible* to be ordained to the **Holy Priesthood** when they have been: ordained to the diaconate; licensed to preach; successfully completed a recognized theology degree or program; passed our canonical exam; met the canonical requirements for ordination to the sacred ministry; demonstrated the ability to conduct public worship and administer the sacraments according to the *Book of Common Prayer*; demonstrated competence to teach and preach the word of God; exhibited the skills necessary to plant, nurture, and grow a church; and displayed pastoral skills necessary for a variety of ministerial contexts.

* The ultimate decision to tonsure, ordain, or license is reserved to the discretion of the Presiding Bishop of the Orthodox Anglican Church®.

The following statement from the catalogue of St. Andrew's Theological College & Seminary (SATCS) is included here for your convenience:

Ordination

Attendance at or graduation from SATCS provides no expressed or implied guarantee that one will be ordained to the ministry. Ordination in The Orthodox Anglican Church and member churches of the Orthodox Anglican Communion is determined by ecclesiastical authority. Those who are interested in pursuing ordination in the Orthodox Anglican Church should contact the Director of Vocations to the Ministry. Those who seek ordination in other jurisdictions or denominations are strongly advised to review the guidelines or Canons, and contact the vocational leaders of their respective churches.