

Church of Ireland

The House of Bishops

PROTOCOL FOR NOMINATING AND APPOINTING THOSE TO A FULL-TIME STIPENDIARY CURACY OTHER THAN THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY DEACONS SERVING IN AN INTERNSHIP

Introduction

In exceptional circumstances a bishop may request the House of Bishops to include the name of a person including but not limited to someone ('a candidate') not yet ordained as a stipendiary priest, or a deacon not previously appointed to a curacy, or a non-stipendiary priest transferring to stipendiary ministry in the annual process set out in HoB Protocol 2016/02.

Preparatory Step

A bishop who seeks the inclusion of a candidate in accordance with this protocol shall, in the first instance, submit the name of the person to the House of Bishops, setting out the exceptional circumstances that support the request.

The House of Bishops shall make a determination.

The decision of the House of Bishops shall be communicated to the Chairperson of the Curacy Advisory Committee ('CAC') and to the Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute.

Process

Although the candidate may or may not be, or have been, 'a candidate priest' within the meaning of HoB Protocol 2016/02, the process in that Protocol (HoB Protocol 2016/02) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the candidate.