## The Discernment Journey

## Personal Discernment: Discerner meets with spiritual director, Congregational Discernment sponsoring priest, and others for initial Discerner meets with CDC for approxi-Rector agrees to form Congregationmately one year to discern call for further al Discernment Committee CDC recommendation to Vestry Rector and Vestry nominate aspirant Interview with Bishop and Retreat with COM Discerner meets with the Bishop and COM COM and Bishop Approval Diocesan Discernment Year Discerner explores ministry opportunities in a new congregation for at least six months; **Next Steps Conference** Discerner meets with COM and Bishop. COM recommendation to Bishop New CDC recommendation to COM Bishop approves postulancy Postulancy Discerner continues with seminary education Candidacy Interview Discerner meets with COM and Bishop COM recommendation to Bishop Discerner meets with Standing Committee Standing Committee Consents to Candidacy Candidacy Discerner Completes formation training Completes Clinical Pastoral Education Sits for canonical exams Final Recommendation—Ordination COM recommendation to Bishop Standing Committee consent 10 Ordination Diaconal ordination For those called to be a priest, Priestly ordination at least six months later