

Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory
Archbishop of Atlanta
2401 Lake Park Dr.
Smyrna, GA 30080

Your Excellency:

I (your full Christian name), a layman of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, do hereby petition that I be officially accepted as a candidate for the Order of Diaconate for service in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I have considered this request very seriously. I know that there is much I must do to prepare myself spiritually, academically and pastorally before I shall be qualified for the Call to Diaconate. At this time I am earnest in requesting your acceptance as a candidate so that I might seriously pursue this Call. I am not doing so out of force or fear, and trust that God will give me the grace to fulfill His will in this matter.

I view myself as a married man. Yet, I wholeheartedly accept the Church's teaching that if I am eventually ordained to the Permanent Diaconate and should my wife precede me in death, I cannot remarry. I will spend the rest of my life as a celibate.

Respectfully Yours in Christ

Signed:

Name Printed:

Date:

Name of city where signed:

Witnessed: (by priest or deacon)