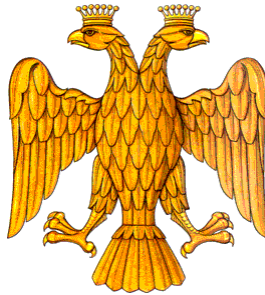


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THE HOLY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC
ORTHODOX CHURCH INC.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

Check the boxes as they pertain to you. For extended answers, attach additional sheets as necessary. Attach any supporting documents, as requested. Please attach recent photo.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Your full name: _____

[First Name Middle Name(s) Maiden Name Family Name (Surname)]

2. Social Security (or ID number if not a U.S. citizen): _____

3. Address: _____

4. Mailing address (if different): _____

5. Telephone number(s): _____

Fax # : _____

E-Mail Address(es): _____

6. Date of Birth: _____

7. What is your natural gender? Male. ☐ Female. ☐

8. What is your mother tongue? _____

Any other language(s)? _____

9. Place of birth: _____

10. Citizen of: U.S.A. ☐ Other: ☐ _____

11. Marital status: ☐ Single, never married. ☐ Married. Widowed in _____ Year. ☐
Divorced. ☐ Separated. ☐ I have been married _____ time(s) before this marriage. ☐

(Attach any documents related to marriage, divorce, separation, or death of spouse.)

12. Spouse's Name: _____

13. Children's Names: _____

14. How do your spouse and children feel about your clerical / religious vocation? Are they Christian believers? Are they Orthodox? (Attach letter from Spouse promising to support your vocation in The Holy Byzantine Catholic Orthodox Church)

14. Characterize your present state of health.

Excellent ☐ Good. ☐ Fair. ☐ Bad. ☐

Describe any special health problems, physical or mental, you may have.

15. If you wish to, describe here any military service you have done.

II. CLERICAL / RELIGIOUS STATUS

1. Have you ever been a member of the Minor or Major Clergy? A Monk or Nun? Deaconess? Lay Religious Brother or Sister?

☐ NO

☐ YES (If yes, provide details as to the various dates and circumstances of your tonsure, appointment, ordination, etc.; as to which jurisdiction you were in; etc. Succession of Ordaining Bishop, etc.,)

2. Are you now a member of another Orthodox jurisdiction?

☐ NO.

☐ YES: If yes, the name of the Jurisdiction and your Diocesan Bishop:

3. What is your present religious affiliation?

III. EDUCATION AND SPECIAL SKILLS

1. Are you a secondary school graduate, or

else have an equivalency certificate? YES. ☐ NO. ☐ From: _____

2. Do you have an Associate's degree? YES. ☐ NO. ☐ From: _____

3. Do you have a Bachelor's degree? YES. ☐ NO. ☐ From: _____

4. Do you have a Master's degree? YES. ☐ NO. ☐ From: _____

5. Do you have a Doctoral degree? YES. ☐ NO. ☐ From: _____

6. What was your major or area of specialization? _____

7. Are you a seminary graduate?

NO.

☐ YES. Name of Seminary: _____

8. **a.** Attach a copy of your degree or certificate and transcripts of your highest level of academic achievement.

b. Attach a copy of your degree or certificate and transcripts of your highest level of achievement in seminary.

9. Please describe your special skills, talents, etc., including artistic, technical, professional, and / or pastoral talents.

[illegible]

10 Please list any items you have published: fiction, poetry, non-fiction:

11. Please list any self-directed, private studies you have done:

[Use additional sheets as necessary for any of these items. There is no need to repeat above anything contained in a curriculum vitae that you attach hereto.]

IV. OCCUPATION AND WORK HISTORY

1. Your present occupation, employment, or other source of income on which you depend for your living, is/are:

[illegible]

2. Describe your work history. (attach current resume, if you wish)

[illegible]

V. PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list three to five persons who can give you a personal reference.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone number: _____

Mailing address: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone number: _____

Mailing address: _____

Name: _____

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Mailing address: _____

Name: _____

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VI. LEGAL RECORD

It is essential that we ask these questions for the protection of the Church. Please answer simply and straightforwardly. Provide details for any "Yes" answer.

1. Have you ever been indicted on a felony charge?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or any crime of violence?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

3. Have you ever been arrested for a sexual offense or for domestic violence?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

4. Have you ever been in prison?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

5. A fugitive from justice?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

6. Have you ever been involved in any serious civil litigation (other than marital litigation such as divorce or separation, or litigation in the nature of the usual conduct of business or of private estates)?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

6. Describe below, or attach an explanation of, any other serious legal trouble you or your spouse have had.

7. Would having your local police department conduct a police background check on you reveal anything, not covered above, about which the Church should know?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

[Use additional sheets as necessary for any of these items.]

VII. SACRAMENTAL HISTORY

Please attach sacramental records, if available. Provide here, the dates of the Sacraments. Note in which Church they were performed, and who officiated them, to the degree possible. Include any other details and information which you believe may be pertinent.

1. BAPTISM (with the Trinitarian Formula, in water): _____

2. CONFIRMATION / CHRISMATION: _____

3. HOLY MATRIMONY: _____

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Please describe any experience you have had in the Christian ministry.

2. Please describe the ministry you hope to pursue in The Holy Byzantine Catholic Orthodox Church.

3. If you are or were ordained clergy or tonsured religious, please describe your previous / current experience and qualifications. Describe any other relevant educational qualifications.

4. Please provide here any other information which you believe is pertinent to your application for admission into The Holy Byzantine Catholic Orthodox Church.

5. The Church follows the original, traditional, conservative Christian moral theology. Sexual promiscuity is not condoned in any way. **(A)** Chaste, celibate single men and women, and **(B)** married men and women in exclusive monogamous matrimonial unions with their lawful spouses, both are welcome. IF you are neither A nor B, then please disclose below **(C)** your living arrangements/sexual orientation/activities; or if you are unwilling to do so, talk to the Bishop {to whom you are making application for entry into the Church} about this matter. Check the ONE box which describes your own situation:

- ☐ A. I am a chaste & celibate single person.
- ☐ B. I am a married person in an exclusive monogamous matrimonial union with my lawful spouse of the opposite gender.
- ☐ C. I am not a chaste & celibate single person, nor am I a married person in an exclusive monogamous matrimonial union with my lawful spouse of the opposite gender; rather, I am:

6. Are you a freemason or member of a secret society or bound by oaths of any sort?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

7. Do you belong to any group or subscribe to any ideology which advocates the limitation of the rights of persons based upon their race, nation, or religion?

☐ NO.

☐ YES:

8. Please attach here a recent passport style photograph of yourself. This is for your confidential personnel record, and it will not be returned to you.

APPLICANT'S ATTESTATION:

I am submitting this Background Documentation for Application for admission as a clerical, monastic, or religious member of THE HOLY BYZANTINE CATHOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH inc; and I attest hereby that everything in this documentation is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief; and I hereby authorize investigation of any and all statements contained herein. I fully understand that willful misrepresentation, distortion, or omission of any pertinent facts on my part is cause for refusal of my application or dismissal from membership. This Background Documentation for Application hereby is respectfully submitted on this

_____ Day of _____, in the Year of Grace, _____,

by: _____
[Signature - please sign your full and entire name above.

Print your name here _____]