

Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of New England
Process for Receiving a Person Ordained in the Catholic Tradition

1. The ordained person applying to be received into ECDNE (applicant) must be ordained by a bishop ordained in the line of Apostolic Succession; if this is not the case, or if the person is unsure if such is the case, then that person must be ordained sub conditione by the bishop of ECDNE as a condition for being formally received
2. The applicant shall provide:
 - A letter of request to be formally received into the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of New England and to be granted sacramental faculties
 - A CV or through resume
 - A brief auto biography that explains what brought the applicant to this point
 - Proof of educational background
 - Proof of ordination
 - Three letters of reference from ministries in which the applicant has been involved
 - A recently completed CORI check
3. The applicant must be interviewed by at least two members of the Board of Directors; upon recommendation by those two Board members the applicant is to be invited to meet the whole board at its next meeting
4. If both the Board of Directors and the applicant wish to move forward, then a vote must be taken by the Board to formally receive the applicant as an ordained member of ECDNE
5. The process comes to completion at a ceremony presided over by the bishop, during which the applicant signs a document stating:
 - That the applicant agrees to abide by the by-laws and code of ethics of the Ecumenical Catholic Diocese of New England
 - That the applicant understands that infraction of the bylaws or code of ethics will result in a Board vote to terminate membership

The Bishop of ECDNE signs the document accepting the applicant as a priest in good standing in ECDNE, concluding the process.

[For applicants ordained in a tradition other than Catholic - such applicants will be considered on a case by case basis.]