Discernment of Ministry Report

(This form is to be completed once a Parish Commission On Ministry [PCOM] or discernment committee of a congregation or community of faith has completed a process of discernment with a person in discernment for Holy Orders. If additional room is needed, please attach pages as needed.)

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________

Name(s) of Parish Commission on Ministry (PCOM) / discernment committee members who recommend that the applicant pursue ordination to the diaconate/priesthood.

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Name(s) of PCOM / discernment committee members who do not recommend that the applicant pursue ordination to the diaconate/priesthood.

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1. Describe the applicant’s strengths and weaknesses.

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2. Assess the applicant’s intellectual ability to pursue graduate studies in theology.

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3. Describe the applicant’s family situation, including how spouse, children and parents feel about his/her pursuit of ordination to the diaconate/priesthood.

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4. Describe the applicant’s religious history before entering the congregation.

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5. Describe the applicant’s life and ministry in this congregation.

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6. Assess the applicant’s potential for leadership in the church.

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7. Assess the effectiveness of the applicant in pastoral and interpersonal relationships in the congregation.

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8. Summarize your understanding of the applicant’s call to ordination.

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9. Summarize the major strengths/attributes of the applicant as possible future Ordained Person (Deacon/Priest) in the Church.

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10. Summarize the major weaknesses, problems of the applicant as a possible future Ordained Person (Deacon/Priest) in the Church.

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11. Add any other comments you feel the Rector and Vestry/ Bishop’s Committee should know.

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Print Name of person making report: __________________________________________________________

Signed: ___________________________________________ Date: ____________________