

DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE

DEACON FORMATION PROGRAM

Minimum Requirements for Application

- 1 • Applicant must be at least 35 years of age.**
- 2 • Completion of the Diocesan Formation for Ministry or its equivalent.**
- 3 • Certification of VIRTUS Training.**
- 4 • Job stability and sufficient income to provide security for wife and family.**
[The obligation to the Sacrament of Marriage is primary.]
- 5 • Single applicants accept obligation of celibacy for unmarried candidates.**
- 6 • Married applicants are partners in a stable marriage.**
[Each applicant must have written consent and support of his spouse.]
- 7. Children are of an age and position so as not to be unduly affected by a life that involves special apostolic commitment, time, focus and energy.**
- 8• If the applicant is planning to marry or recently married, there must be a waiting period of two years before applying to the diaconate.**
- 9• Applicants must have the sponsorship of a parish, agency or program through formation and accept his services after ordination.**
- 10• Applicant must be of an age and health to provide at least ten years of post ordination diaconal service.**