

## Commission on Ministry 2024 Report

The Commission on Ministry consists of six members of the Clergy and six Lay Persons. We meet monthly throughout the year primarily for interviewing Postulants, and Candidates for Holy Orders. At present, there are ten men in various stages in the active process of discernment.

We are pleased to communicate two significant updates:

1. Canonical exams have been updated. The oral exams all have a template to follow, providing better consistency. Furthermore, we have added six written exams, providing clear objectivity in competency of knowledge. Therefore, Canonical Exams are now a two and a half day exercise, rather than a day and half.
2. The discernment process itself has been updated. All rectors/vicars are encouraged to receive the Discernment and Ordination Packet (DOP), as the rector and parish have a more significant role at the beginning of the discernment process. To request a DOP, please email Dean Mark Polley at [mpolley@svacc.org](mailto:mpolley@svacc.org)

Currently, we have three residential students at Nashotah House Seminary:

1. Mr. Jacob Hootman. Projected to graduate in May 2025
2. Mr. Clifton Rogge. Projected to graduate in May 2026
3. Mr. Scott Perry. Projected to graduate in May 2027

The next Canonical Exams will be administered in January 2025, with four men being examined – three pursuing Priesthood, and one pursuing Diaconate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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