



**Franciscans of Divine Providence + Trinitarian Catholic Church**  
Confidential Admission Application  
*Check each appropriate category below*



\_\_\_ Application to the Novitiate program leading to Profession of Vows as a **Franciscan of Divine Providence** \_\_\_ **Brother** \_\_\_ **Sister**  
 \_\_\_ Please check here, if you are considering the HTTI Degree Program or other Seminary Program leading to Holy Orders as a Franciscan  
 I am interested in \_\_\_ Transitional Diaconate\* \_\_\_ Permanent Diaconate\* \_\_\_ Priesthood\* \_\_\_ Incardination\*

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\_\_\_ Application to enroll in the HTTI Degree Program or other Seminary Program leading to Holy Orders in the secular clergy of the TCC  
 I am interested in \_\_\_ Transitional Diaconate\* \_\_\_ Permanent Diaconate\* \_\_\_ Priesthood\* \_\_\_ Incardination\*

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\_\_\_ Clergy application for Incardination to the \_\_\_ Permanent Diaconate\* \_\_\_ Priesthood \* of the Trinitarian Catholic Church

\*The Code of Canon Law of the Trinitarian Catholic Church requires that all ordained clergy must be or become exclusive members of our Church. Lay Brothers and Lay Sisters, as well as other lay persons, are permitted to maintain dual Church affiliations/membership if they wish to do so.

**This is a two part application.** **Part I** must be completed in its entirety. **Part II** is designed to allow the evaluation group to get to know you, the person, your theology and your ideas. There is no hidden agenda, so please answer the questions openly and honestly. All information submitted is confidential and will be revealed only to the Bishop and the advisors involved in your review, and will be reviewed by and remain on file with the Church.

It is important that you disclose any and all information which, if known, might reflect adversely on yourself, the Order or the Church. One's past or current lifestyle is not necessarily a barrier to ordination or acceptance.

The Trinitarian Catholic Church and the Franciscans of Divine Providence intends that all its clergy and lay ministers share a similar, broad perspective. There is no litmus test on issues, but our progressive views and our application of the Gospels and the Franciscan charism would cause more conservative theological people to be uncomfortable with the rest of us, and similarly in reverse. Thus, we require that all applicants, upon acceptance, will immediately begin the applicable FDP certificate or diploma courses of studies available through the Holy Trinity Theological Institute of the TCC. FDP Novices have one year to complete the courses earmarked for members of the Order. Candidates for Holy Orders must complete the HTTI degree program, which is required before one can be considered for ordination. Those who are seeking an accredited education may enroll in [Global Ministry University](#) for distance learning via the Internet. Please note that it has been determined that any Church has the legal right to establish a seminary program for the education and training of it's own clergy, regardless of whether or not that program has recognized accreditation.

A criminal background check (not financial or other kind of check) may be performed as a part of this application process at your expense. The sole purpose of a criminal background check is to identify people who have a predilection for harming others in order to prevent any potential to inflict harm on others through our Church. To complete and submit this application in its entirety, you thereby consent and authorize this investigation if we request it and you will be asked to submit to us a money order for the sum of \$100.00 to cover the cost. Applicants for Holy Orders are required to undergo a criminal background check. The results will remain a confidential part of this application and will remain the property of The Trinitarian Catholic Church and the Franciscans of Divine Providence.

**Please mail completed application, all required documents and a current photo of yourself to:**

**Director of Vocations**  
 Trinitarian Catholic Church  
 Res: 967 Elms Common Drive, #212  
 Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067-1816

**The Trinitarian Catholic Church - The Franciscans of Divine Providence**

**Part 1: Confidential Application for    \_\_\_ FDP Admission    \_\_\_ HTTI / Seminary    \_\_\_ Incardination**

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Characteristics**

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Challenges or Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

**Citizenship**

Born in U.S.A. \_\_\_ Born Abroad of U.S. Parents \_\_\_ Naturalized \_\_\_ Derived from Naturalized Parent \_\_\_

List and all other Names used, including nicknames \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital Status**

Single \_\_\_ Committed Relationship<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ Married<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ Civil Union<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ Holy Union<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ Divorced<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_

<sup>(1)</sup> Provide date(s) and place where civil or religious ceremony was performed.

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Name of Spouse, Partner or Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

List Dependents Other than yourself:

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**Arrests:**

You must list **ALL** arrest information regardless of whether you have previously disclosed this information or whether your case has been “sealed”, expunged or otherwise stricken from the court record. You must also include all courts marital or non-judicial punishment (Article 15 UCMJ or Captain’s Mast). You may exclude minor traffic violations for which a fine or forfeiture of \$100.00 or less was imposed **unless alcohol or drug related**.

A. Have you ever been arrested, charged, cited, held or detained by Federal, State, or other law enforcement or juvenile authorities, regardless of whether the charge was dropped or dismissed or you were found not guilty? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

B. List All Details of “Yes” answers  
(Date / Nature of Offense / Name/Location/Law Enforcement Agency / Penalty Imposed)

**Drug/Alcohol Use and Mental Health**

**Yes answers must be explained in detail on separate sheet.**

a. Have you ever been involved in the illegal use, purchase, manufacture, trafficking, production or sale of any narcotic, depressant, stimulant, hallucinogen, or cannabis? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

b. Have you ever misused or abused any drug prescribed by a licensed physician? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

c. Have you ever been identified as having or treated for a mental illness, emotional, psychological, or personality disorder/condition/problem ? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

I certify that the entries made by me are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that a knowing and willful false statement will result in the rejection of this application or the denial or termination of my membership and ministerial accreditation within The Trinitarian Catholic Church and/or the Franciscans of Divine Providence.

Signature

Print Name

Date Signed

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## **Part II: Application – Personal Statement**

**Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper, preferably typed.**

You may answer these questions in any form that you desire, and your brevity or length is irrelevant, simply answer them as completely as you feel necessary to explain who you are or your thoughts on a particular subject.

1. Your Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Marital or Relationship Status:
4. Highest level of education completed?
5. Hobbies or Avocations:
6. State of your Health (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual). Please include any challenges, limitations or conditions which may affect your ministry in any way
7. Strengths and Limitations as a lay minister or clergyperson:
8. Anything which may appear in your background investigation which you feel may warrant a further explanation:
9. Philosophy of Life:
10. Profound Influences in Life; favorite books, authors, and WHY?
11. People (Living or Dead- known personally or unknown personally) most admired and WHY?
12. Motivating personal values:
13. Most important problems in today's society?
14. Possible effect of a ministry in The Trinitarian Catholic Church and/or the Franciscans of Divine Providence on your family, friends, employment, or present religious affiliation?
15. What does progressive Catholicism, unburdened by required dogmas, mean to you?
16. Please explain your understanding of the nature, relationship, mission, ministry and purpose of our Church and our Order.
17. Present or prior religious/church affiliation and its effect on you?
18. Are you now or have you ever been in Holy Orders, or a member of a Religious Order or under religious Vows?  
Please provide dates, detailed information, present status, including information, if applicable, pertaining to dispensation, dismissal, termination or separation from such. Church offices or positions held?  
Please attach certificate(s) or other substantiating documentation.
19. Describe regular spiritual development activities in the past and now. Are you active in any kind of volunteer work, ministry or apostolate now? If not, what has prevented you from doing so?
20. Most effective ways you renew and refresh your spirit?
21. What calls you to submit this application and how is your chosen ministry envisioned now and five years from now?
22. Explain your current spiritual concepts and/or personal positions regarding the following:  
Jesus, scripture, the Sacraments, liturgy, Apostolic Succession, doctrine & dogma, women priests & bishops, married priests & bishops, marriage equality, divorce, celibacy, inclusivity, sexual orientation, pre-marital sex, diversity, Gay clergy, same-sex marriage, civil unions, contraception, poverty, commitment, abortion, civil rights and human rights, people with HIV/AIDS, people of other faiths, ecumenical ministry and worship with other churches.

23. Life experience: Please attach a resume and if you have not previously done so attach all supporting documentation including the names and addresses of schools, courses, diplomas or degrees earned, as well as copies of transcripts and degrees or certificates earned.
24. What education and/or training do you feel that you need in order to fulfill your role as a Lay religious, deacon or priest?
25. If you are seeking the Lay Religious Life, how do you feel about joining a diverse, inclusive, non-residential, Religious Order? How do you feel about participating in a Catholic Church that is not affiliated with nor under the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Church? How do you feel about becoming a lay minister or clergy person to the Trinitarian Catholic Church and/or Franciscans of Divine Providence, including outreach to other "open and affirming" Churches and service with whom we have ties and/or full communion?
26. Any other information that you feel might be valuable to the committee in its evaluation of your application:

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**In addition to this application**, we require all Applicants to contact (3) three people that you know well and ask them to write and to directly mail to us a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Friends, employers, co-workers, former teachers, clergy or a family member are all good from which these letters may be submitted. The three people you pick should mail their letters directly to the Director of Vocations at the address provided on the first page of this application.

We also ask that you enclose a recent photograph of yourself along with your paperwork.

Once all of your paperwork has been received, it will be reviewed and you will be duly notified of our decision on your admission request. If there is anything about the Trinitarian Catholic Church or the Franciscans of Divine Providence that you are unsure of, it would be prudent to ask questions before submitting this application.

**The Trinitarian Catholic Church** is an autocephalous, Catholic Jurisdiction in Apostolic Succession. We are not in union with, nor are we affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church. Our Church has one diocese, the Metropolitan Diocese of Rocky Hill, which presently encompasses the entire United States. The spiritual leadership and legitimacy of our Church is rooted in our valid claim to Apostolic Succession from both the Latin Rite and Orthodox Rite of the Church. We encourage all of our lay members to participate fully in the spiritual, sacramental and social life of the Church and to join with our Presiding Bishop, our priests, deacons, Lay Religious and Lay leaders in the ministries and stewardship of the Church.

