

TO: Applicants for the 2008 Vocational Discernment Program

DATE: January 25, 2008

Thank you for your interest in the Vocational Discernment Program (VDP) in the Diocese of Atlanta.

Enclosed you will find a booklet which explains the VDP process, as well a number of forms for you to complete, and other requirements which are listed on the *Checklist for Nominee to Enroll in the Discernment Process*. Please read it very carefully. Please discuss the VDP process and the possibility of your participation in it with your rector or clergy person in charge *before* you make application. He or she will be asked to recommend you for the program, and will be one of your mentors through the process if you are accepted as a nominee.

All application materials (see the checklist) must be received in the Bishop's office by **Friday, February 22, 2008. We are unable to take any applications after that date. We have only eight – ten slots available for the program this year.** You will receive notice of whether or not you are accepted for this year's process by February 29th. If you are accepted, you, your spouse/partner and your rector or clergy person in charge, and members of the required Parish Lay Committee, will be required to attend an orientation on Saturday, March 29, 2008. In addition, upon acceptance, a background check will be performed regarding your work and educational background. A DMV and credit check will also be performed. Oxford Document will mail you a questionnaire.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We are grateful for your presence in the church and look forward to hearing from you.

Faithfully,

Alicia Schuster Weltner (The Rev'd Canon)
Canon for Ministry