



# The Church of St Mary & St John

## Application for Ordination/Incardination

Please complete all relevant sections, answering all questions as thoroughly and honestly as possible. All the information you provide will be kept in the strictest confidence, and will only be made available to Church Officials in consideration of your application. (Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and in Black Ink.)

Please attach a recent  
Passport Photograph  
Here  
*(Photo to have been taken  
no longer than 2 years ago)*

### Section 1 - Personal Information

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ N.I. Number/S.Security: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you the support of your partner/family (if applicable): Yes:  No:

Describe your relationship with your partner/family:

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Have you ever been accused of, charged with, convicted of or connected with any type of Abuse, including: Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Predatory Crimes, Emotional Abuse, Domestic Violence etc.:

Yes:  No:

If "Yes" please explain, giving the circumstances, dates, accusations, convictions and penalties:

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Excluding minor traffic violations, have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of, any Criminal Offences, Felonies or Misdemeanors (including the Suspension or Withdrawal of your Driving License):

Yes:  No:

If "Yes" please explain, giving the circumstances, dates, charges, convictions and penalties:

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Have you ever used, abused or been addicted to, Illegal Drugs or Narcotics, including over the counter/prescribed Drugs & Medications or being/been treated for Drug/Alcohol Abuse/Dependency:

Yes:  No:

If "Yes" please explain, giving the circumstances, dates, usage, charges, convictions and penalties and/or treatments recieved:

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## Section 2 - Education, Experience and Qualifications

Name of Institution:	Course:	Years Attended:		Qualifications:		Did You Graduate:
		From:	To:	Subject:	Grade:	

Have you attended or completed Seminary Training:

Yes:       No:

If "Yes" please give details below, including Name, Address, Dates, Course, Subjects and Degree/Certificates awarded:

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Please give details below, of any other training, (formal or vocational) as well as your experience, suitability and qualifications for Ministry: (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Section 3 - Faith and Practice

How would you describe yourself: (ie. Catholic, Protestant, Gnostic etc.)

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Briefly describe your Faith and beliefs:

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Are you currently connected with a Church (local parish or other church, including overseas ministries):

Yes:  No:

If "Yes" please provide the name and location of the church/ministry:

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If "No" please explain:

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If you are already Ordained and are seeking Incardination, are you currently under the Canonical authority or care of a Church or Bishop :

Yes:  No:

Please state briefly the reason(s) why you wish to leave, or have already left your present jurisdiction:

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Do you have a letter of Excardination from your Church/Bishop:

Yes:  No:

List all the official church positions you have held, please include: Denomination, Location and Dates, also please give the names of your superiors or Ordaining Bishop, if applicable:

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**Section 4 - Employment and Experience**

*Please also enclose a copy of your current up to date Curriculum Vitae*

Are you currently in employment/self employed:

Yes:       No:

If "No" please explain:

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Please list all paid/unpaid employment as well as all paid/unpaid church positions held over the past 12 years, starting with the most recent:

Employer or Church	Dates		Location	Position	Contact Name	Contact Number
	From	To				

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

Please list all your professional skills that you feel would be of benefit to your ministry, including Languages, use of Technology, Professional Certification, Licenses and other Credentials:

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Are you currently serving/have you ever served with any of the Armed or Civil Forces:

Yes:  No:

Branch of Service	Dates		Highest Rank Achieved	Type of Discharge	Combat Service	If "Yes" Where
	From	To				

Please list all civil and military decorations and awards you have received:

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Section 5 - Miscellaneous

Are you Applying for:                      Ordination:                       Incardination:

Please explain briefly, your interest in joining the Church and why you feel called to Ministry:

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If accepted as a candidate for Orders, or if you are received into the CSsM&J through Incardination, do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will comply with and conform to the Canons & Codes of Conduct, of the Church of St Mary and St John and all its associated Orders, Societies and Groups:

Yes by initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will follow the guidance, leadership and authority of your Abbot/Abbess, Bishop Ordinary and the Synod of Bishops:

Yes by initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will not undertake nor engage in any activity that is or could be interpreted as, schismatic, scandalous, divisive, abusive, discriminatory or disrespectful:

Yes by initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you hereby solemnly affirm that you will respect the opinions, beliefs and practises of other Faiths, Clergy, and Churches, even though you may not personally agree; and that you will at all times strive for unity and respect the dignity of all the Divines children:

Yes by initials: \_\_\_\_\_

All CSsM&J Clergy should have an active expression for their ministry. Please describe in as much detail as possible the specific ministry you hope to achieve. Include as much information on how the Church, Mission or Serving will be organized, how it will be funded, what type of programs you hope to create, and how you (and your partner/family, if applicable) will support and provide for your everyday needs while you exercise your ministry:

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Do you fully understand and comprehend that the Church of St Mary and St John is a voluntary organization and does not provide any stipend, recompense or remuneration for its Clergy and others, nor does it financially support its Abbeys, Churches, Parishes, Ministries or Missions, and that you will either need to hold secular employment, or live by the grace and generosity of your Church, Parish, Ministry or Mission:

Yes by initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 6 - Final Statement

I the undersigned do fully approve and affirm that all the above information which I have supplied regarding myself shall be used by the Church of St Mary and St John officials to determine the appropriateness of my future involvement as a candidate for Ordination or Incardination. I further state that I will upon request supply any additional information and documentation in support of my statements and this application.

I make this request and application to receive CSsM&J Orders freely. I further understand and accept that all application decisions are made by the Synod of Bishops, the Presiding Bishop and the Vicar General, and that their decisions are final and without appeal.

I attest and affirm before the Divine that all the information and supportive documentation I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and ability.

I further promise to work closely with all my brothers and sisters within the CSsM&J, ministry and laity and all it's associated Orders, Societies and Groups, for the glory of the Divine. I also promise proper reverence and respect to all current and future Bishops of the CSsM&J.

I fully understand that I am NOT an employee of the CSsM&J and if accepted, that the church will grant faculties for my ministry, but that I am fully responsible to both the congregation, parish and local membership of my ministry as well as the ruling officials of the CSsM&J for my conduct.

Finally, I promise and affirm that with the help and guidance of the Divine to fulfill my Clerical rights, responsibilities, obligations and duties as provided in the Canons of the Church of St Mary and St John.

By signing this application below, I hereby authorise the Synod of Bishops, The Presiding Bishop and the Vicar General as well as any other appointed Officials of the Church of St Mary and St John, to investigate my background in any legal manner that they consider appropriate, and to use any personal photographs of myself to: advertise, promote or publicize the Church of St Mary and St John or it's associated Orders, Societies and Groups, in any legal and appropriate manor, in any media or medium, produced by the Church of St Mary and St John or it's associated Orders, Societies and Groups.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please contact you local police force to apply for a full DBS check (*or equivalent in you country*) to include the Sexual Offenders Register, and send it with this application or have the results sent to the address below. Depending upon the country/state you reside in, there may be a fee payable for this service.

2. Please send this signed application form, together with all supporting documentation (*to include copies of all Degrees, Diplomas, Certifications and Ordination Documents as well as letter(s) of Excardination*) to:

**The Vicar General, The Church of St Mary and St John,  
Suite 333, Philbeach House, Dale, Pembrokeshire  
SA62 3QU United Kingdom.**

or email them to: [vicargeneral@churchsmsj.org](mailto:vicargeneral@churchsmsj.org)