

The following is the process that a man generally goes through to become a diocesan priest in the Archdiocese of Sydney:

1. An enquiry is made to the Vocation Director by phone or email
2. An appointment is made with the Vocation Director
3. Discernment continues with the help and guidance of the Vocation Director
4. If the Vocation Director senses that a man is being called to be a priest, he is invited to make an application
5. An application is made to enter the Seminary. The application procedure is very thorough and involves a lengthy document to fill out as well as certain tests including as a medical exam and psychological assessment
6. Application is reviewed by the Archbishop
7. The man attends an interview with the Archbishop. If the Archbishop discerns that he is a suitable candidate then he is accepted into the seminary
8. The seminarian begins his formation
9. At the end of each year, he and the seminary discerns whether he should continue
10. After 6 years, the seminarian is ordained to the diaconate
11. The following year, he is ordained to the priesthood

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