



ORDINATION OATH

I, _____, the undersigned, who an summoned to the ministry of the Church of Christ in the rank of deacon, do vow and swear by Almighty God, before His Holy Gospel and life-creating Cross, that I desire and will take care in every way possible to remain loyal and obedient to the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, to Her canonical hierarch Metropolitan and his fellow hierarchs, and to remain in obedience to the rector of my Church.

I promise to fulfil this ministry in accordance with the canons, rules and prescriptions of the Church and the instructions of my superiors, in full obedience thereto, and to deport myself with piety, honour and temperance, without self-interest, confident that misdemeanours committed by a minister of the Church, in that they are the cause of greater scandal in society than the misdemeanours of a layman, justly require a stricter punishment.

I promise to lead a life which is pious, sober, far removed from vain customs of the world, in the spirit of humblemindedness and meekness, and to guide others to piety by a good example, and in every aspect of my ministry to have in my thoughts not my own honour or benefit, but rather the glory of God, the good of the Holy Church and the salvation of my neighbour, wherein may the Lord God aid me with His grace, through the supplications of the all-pure Theotokos and all of the saints.

In concluding this, my oath, I kiss the word and Cross of my Saviour. Amen

This solemn oath has been given by _____.

_____, the person named in this oath, has been confessed by me and has sworn the oath. In the examination of his conscience no impediments to his ordination to the rank of deacon came to light.
