

The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster *Parish Nomination Information 2015*

What is the Purpose of the Order?

The purpose of the Order is to honour and give special recognition to lay members of the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry.

What are the eligibility criteria?

- 1. Member of the laity.
- 2. Service in a volunteer capacity in the parish, and/or a number of parishes (on committees, parish councils, in special outreach, parish activities), and/or at the Diocesan level.
- 3. Service over a significant period of time.
- 4. Only one person may be nominated by each parish in each calendar year.
- 5. Posthumous nominations are not accepted.
- 6. Nominees must accept their nomination, be willing to have their names recorded in the Register of the Order, and consent to publicity of their investiture including publication of their photograph.

What is the Process in the Parish?

Step 1: Nominations may be made by any member in good standing of a parish to the Rector or Priest-in-Charge.

Step 2: All nominations are reviewed and approved by the Rector or Priest-in-Charge who, in consultation with the Wardens, will choose not more than one nominee, and forward that name to the Bishop.

Step 3: The nomination form must be completed in full, and must be accompanied by the \$25 processing fee and a photograph of the nominee. The completed form, fee and photo must be received in the Bishop's Office not later than April 30th, 2015.

When are Nominees notified of their approval?

Nominees will be notified by the Bishop's Office of their approval after the completion of the process outlined in Synod Regulation 22. This would normally occur in June or July. Rectors/Priests-in-Charge and Wardens will also be notified.

What is the Date of Investiture Service?

The Bishop will invest new members of the Order at an Investiture Service on Sunday, November 1st, 2015 at 4:00 pm. Details of the service will be announced at a later date.

For more information

Please contact Bill Siksay, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop's Office at 604-684-6306 ext 228 or <u>bsiksay@vancouver.anglican.ca</u> with questions or for more information.