

February 13, 2024

To the Ordinand or Clergyman Transferring:

Please find below a list of psychiatric instruments the Diocese of the West (DOW) of the Orthodox Church in America requires to be performed as part of a screening process for ordination and transfer candidates. It is up to you to have them performed by a licensed and qualified professional. Please have said professional mail the result of the examination to:

Archbishop Benjamin  
Diocese of the West  
1520 Green St  
San Francisco, CA 94123-5102

The Diocese will reimburse you up to \$600.00 of the cost of the examination (please provide copy of invoice or have it mailed directly to the Diocese).

Components:

- Personal narrative in format determined by examiner
- Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory - 3 (MMPI-3; MMPI-2 or MMPI-RF acceptable) *required*
- *At least one of the following as determined by the examiner:*
  - 16PF Questionnaire 5<sup>th</sup> Edition (*preferred*)
  - A sentence completion or other appropriate projective test at the discretion of the examiner
  - MCMI-IV
- Personal Interview (online allowed at the discretion of the examiner), which would include an in-depth clinical interview combined with other tests.
- The tests results ought to include a comprehensive written report which would include interpretive comments.

We do not require you to use any particular professional to perform your evaluation. Geography and availability will influence your decision. *The Diocese typically uses a professional local to the San Francisco area:*

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Thank you for your compliance and cooperation.

In Christ,

Priest Andrew Smith  
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