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Dear X

**Shared Discernment Process – Stage 2**

I am writing to you about your application to be considered as a candidate for training for the ordained ministry of the Church.

I have received reports from [the Revd Canon Leanne Roberts, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands], from XXXXXXX, the Examining Chaplain you met, and from the Bishop of XXXXX. I am willing, on the basis of their recommendations, to sponsor you for a national Stage 2 Panel in the Shared Discernment Process. This will be the next stage in testing your vocation.

I have been interested to learn of your life’s journey to this point, and of the factors that have led you to perceive a call to the ordained ministry. [I am also aware of the valuable ministry you are already exercising at/in XXXXXXXX.] Whatever the outcome of the Stage 2 Panel, you have much to offer the mission of the Church and the purposes of God’s kingdom. I assure you of my prayers in all that lies ahead.

There are certain arrangements to be made with the Ministry Division of the Archbishops’ Council, and I understand that [Leanne] is guiding you through these.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

**The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun**

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