



The Episcopal Diocese of Florida
Diocesan Youth Ministry

Rector Application Information
Happening #144
September 18-20, 2020



Application deadline for Rector is **Monday, January 27th, 2020 @ 6pm**

Send your application to: Brooks Slater
E-mail: youth@diocesefl.org

Phone: 904-304-5321

Applications must be completed in FULL and RECEIVED by 6:00pm on the due date.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a senior at the time of serving as Rector. If there are no qualified seniors, the Happening Steering Committee may elect to temporarily modify this rule.
- Must have worked two Happening teams prior to applying for Rector.
- Confirmed Episcopalian
- Must be active in worship at an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida for at least one full year.
- Each candidate must demonstrate Christian leadership qualities and be recognized as a leader by their peers

Use the following checklists to help you assure that you have compiled all the appropriate documents for your application to be considered for Rector.

- Application with signatures
- Spiritual essay
- Leadership activities
- Video questionnaire
- Parent recommendation
- Priest recommendation
- Youth Leader recommendation
- Adult Community Leader recommendation

You will be contacted by a member of the Happening Steering Committee regarding your application after selections have been made.



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Ⓢ Each arrow represents a place where a signature is required **before** mailing this application.

I am applying to be Rector for **Happening #144 to be held on September 18-20, 2020**

Name _____ Birthdate _____

(go by) _____ Age _____ Gender _____

mailing address _____

Street/ Apt #

City

Zip

Cell Phone (____) _____ email _____

Happening you attended _____ Have you been confirmed/received? _____

Team and positions served:

_____ as _____ # _____ as _____

_____ as _____ # _____ as _____

Youth group you attend _____ City _____

Accepting a call to serve on a Happening team is an important commitment.

- Serving as Rector is a major responsibility to be carried out with humility and total commitment to serving God and His church.
- The Rector must be willing to adhere to the rules of Happening and to accept the decisions of the Lay Director and the Happening Steering Committee. Please enter into this commitment prayerfully and with the support of your family, priest, and youth leader.
- Your application must be complete and have all appropriate signatures.
- Email a one-page personal statement to youth@diocesefl.org. Your statement should reflect your faith and how you live that faith out in the world. Please include how you nurture your faith on a regular basis. Explain in detail how you are involved in the life and worship of your own Episcopal Church. The essay will be forwarded to the Happening Committee members prior to selection.
- You must have recommendations completed according to the check list on the application cover page. Your application will not be considered until the letters or emails are received. Recommendation cover letters follow below this application.

Ⓢ I believe that I am serving my Lord and living as a Christian example to my peers. I am mentally and spiritually capable of serving as Rector. I understand that I am responsible to the Happening Steering Committee and their decisions regarding the operation of Happening, and I agree to live by the standards for this event.

Applicant signature

Ⓢ This applicant is an active participant in Parish activities and worship. He/She is a leader in youth activities, and to the best of my knowledge is living as a Christian example in his/her community. I understand that I will need to send a letter or email of support for the applicant.

Phone _____

Episcopal Priest signature

Ⓢ This applicant is an active participant in Parish activities and worship. He/She is a leader in youth activities, and to the best of my knowledge is living as a Christian example in his/her community. I understand that I will need to send a letter or email of support for the applicant.

Phone _____

Episcopal Youth leader signature

Ⓢ I understand that serving as Rector requires a major time commitment as well as minor financial responsibilities.

Phone _____

Parent/Guardian signature

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 Christ Episcopal Church

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Leadership Activities



Please list and briefly describe what extracurricular and leadership activities you are involved in at church, school, neighborhood & clubs. For example, "1951- 1952 President of Sausage Makers Society – led monthly meetings and organized events".

Video Questionnaire

While your participation in Happening means that many of the Steering Committee may have met you on a Happening Weekend, we would like the opportunity to see and hear from you. In addition to the written application, please record and send in a video of **no more than 2 minutes** answering the following questions:

1. What is your name? Where do you worship? What school and grade are you in?
2. What was your favorite part of Happening as a candidate?
3. What was your favorite part of Happening as a team member?

You may record your video in any format you are able. You can email or post your video to the internet and send a link with your application. If you have any questions, please contact the Lay Director at the phone number on the first page of this application.



To: Adult Community Member

From: The Happening Steering Committee Diocese of Florida

Re: Happening Rector Recommendation

Rector Applicant _____

Phone _____ email _____

Deadline for recommendation _____

The above named person is seeking the position of Rector of Happening in the Diocese of Florida. The rector is responsible for leading an Episcopal youth retreat for approximately 80 youth. In order to be considered for the position, each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from an adult in their community. Please indicate through an email sent to youth@diocesefl.org your recommendation for this applicant with the name of the applicant on the subject line (*ex. Happening Rector: John Smith*), and the answers to the following questions:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant?
2. Do you consider the applicant to be a leader among his/her peers? Please give specific examples of his/her leadership ability.
3. Briefly describe the applicant's spiritual maturity.
4. Add any thoughts that may help the Happening Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a Happening Rector.

If you cannot recommend this applicant, please indicate in an email that you are unable to support this person. Your honesty is appreciated and confidential, and will help maintain a healthy Happening program.

Any questions may be directed to Brooks Slater, Lay Director of Happening at youth@diocesefl.org or phone number 904-304-5321



To: Priest of Happening Rector Applicant

From: The Happening Steering Committee Diocese of Florida

Re: Happening Rector Recommendation

Rector Applicant _____

Phone _____ email _____

Deadline for recommendation _____

The above named person of your parish is seeking the position of Rector of Happening in the Diocese of Florida. The rector is responsible for leading an Episcopal youth retreat for approximately 80 youth. In order to be considered for the position, each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from an adult in their community. Please indicate through an email sent to youth@diocesefl.org your recommendation for this applicant with the name of the applicant on the subject line (ex. *Happening Rector: John Smith*), and the answers to the following questions:

1. Has the applicant regularly attended church worship services at your church for at least one year?
2. Is the applicant regularly involved in other activities in your church (youth group, Sunday school, missions, acolyte, lay reader, choir, service projects, etc.)?
3. Has this applicant been confirmed in the Episcopal Church?
4. Do you consider the applicant to be a leader among his/her peers?
5. Briefly describe the applicant's spiritual maturity.
6. Add any thoughts that may help the Happening Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a Happening Rector.

If you cannot recommend this applicant, please indicate in an email that you are unable to support this person. Your honesty is appreciated and confidential, and will help maintain a healthy Happening program.

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To: Youth Leader of Happening Rector Applicant
From: The Happening Steering Committee Diocese of Florida
Re: Happening Rector Recommendation

Rector Applicant _____

Phone _____ email _____

Deadline for recommendation _____

The above named person of your parish youth group is seeking the position of Rector of Happening in the Diocese of Florida. The rector is responsible for leading an Episcopal youth retreat for approximately 80 youth. In order to be considered for the position, each applicant must have a letter of recommendation from an adult in their community. Please indicate through an email sent to youth@diocesefl.org your recommendation for this applicant with the name of the applicant on the subject line (*ex. Happening Rector: John Smith*), and the answers to the following questions:

1. Has the applicant regularly attended your youth group for at least one year?
2. Is the applicant regularly involved in other activities in your youth group or church (youth group, Sunday school, missions, acolyte, lay reader, choir, service projects, etc.)?
3. Do you consider the applicant to be a leader among his/her peers?
4. Briefly describe the applicant's spiritual maturity.
5. Add any thoughts that may help the Happening Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a Happening Rector.

At the Steering Committees' request your recommendation will be shared with the full committee at Rector selection meeting. If there is any portion of your recommendation that you would NOT want shared with the full committee please clearly mark this portion.

If you cannot recommend this applicant, please indicate in an email that you are unable to support this person. Your honesty is appreciated and confidential, and will help maintain a healthy Happening program.

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To: Parent/Guardian(s) of Happening Rector Applicant
From: The Happening Steering Committee Diocese of Florida
Re: Happening Rector Recommendation

Rector Applicant _____
Phone _____ email _____
Deadline for recommendation _____

Your son/daughter is seeking the position of Rector of Happening in the Diocese of Florida. This is a major time commitment; **many hours of planning, working with advisors and leadership team, and individual work will be required.** Some financial obligations do exist. Meals and gas are often an expense since meetings are held in a variety of locations. Under no circumstances do we want a person to decline to apply for Rector because of expenses. Most parishes are willing to help with team fees if requested. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Lay Director of Happening.

Please indicate through an email sent to youth@diocesefl.org your willingness to recommend and support your child for Rector of Happening. Include the name of your child in the subject line (ex. *Happening Rector: John Smith*) and your recommendation answers to the following questions:

1. Briefly describe your child's leadership ability.
2. Briefly describe your child's spiritual maturity.
3. Describe how your child is involved in church services and youth group within your parish.
4. Add any thoughts that may help the Happening Steering Committee make a decision about the ability of this applicant to serve as a Happening Rector.

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