

Requirements Prescribed by Canon Law for Membership in the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Chicago

Initiation

- receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the Episcopal Church, or have validly received the Sacrament of Baptism in another ecclesial body and be Canonically Received as a Baptised Member of the Episcopal Church by a Priest of this Church
- if a Confirmed Member: receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from a Bishop of this Church, or have validly received the Sacrament of Baptism and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation from a Bishop [in the Apostolic Succession] of another Catholic Church and be Canonically Received as a Confirmed Communicant by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Worship

- be present at the Eucharist each Sunday and weekday Holy Day of Obligation (Christmas Day, Epiphany, Ascension Day, and All Saints' Day)
- pray for the spread of the Kingdom of God
- Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- practice Abstinence from meat (beef, pork, poultry) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent
- if a Communicant Member: receive Holy Communion at least at Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost

Community Life

- attend the public liturgies of the Church normally in the Parish in which the person is canonically resident
- if eligible to vote and hold canonical office:
 - be 16 years of age or older
 - be recognized as a parishioner by the Rector and at least one of the

Churchwardens

- have pledged and contributed to the Parish for at least the preceding six months
- have declared his/her willingness to conform to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church

Mission

- work and give for the spread of the Kingdom of God: “the minimum standard of giving in the the Episcopal Church is the tithe of time, talent, and treasure”
- be faithful to the Baptismal Vows

Termination

Canonical membership in the Episcopal Church is terminated automatically after two years of “Inactive” status.

Requirements for Canonical Residence in St Paul's Parish, Riverside

- fulfillment of the Canonical requirements for Membership in Good Standing in the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Chicago
- a demonstrated commitment to weekly participation in the community life and worship of St Paul's Parish
- successful completion of the Adult Theology Class
- assumption of responsibility in some area of St Paul's parish ministry
- the commitment to living out the full three levels of the parish Rule of Life