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The Diocese of The Arctic  
Episcopal Search Committee  
For the Election of a Bishop

**Full Name:** Ann Martha Keenainak

**Ordination Year: Deacon:** 2018

**Priest:** 2020

1. The nature of the office of a Bishop of the Diocese of The Arctic will sometimes require that Bishop, when elected, to be away from their home location for prolonged periods. Will this present a problem for you or your family?

Yes  No

**Explain:** My children are grown adults and I discussed it with them for nomination and they are supportive

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2. A Bishop of the Diocese of The Arctic is expected to reside in the Diocese. Will this present a problem for you or your family?

Yes  No

**Explain:** We live in the Diocese

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3. Please list all languages and dialects which you currently write, speak, understand, or any combination thereof:

Inuktitut & English

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4. Of course one would seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit on such a matter, but assuming that you were elected as a Bishop of the Diocese of The Arctic, what would you envision as to the length of your tenure?

**Comments:**

As long as God calls me into the ministry. I accept when God calls for another person to the Bishop role. I will happily step down so God can continue to do His work in the north.

5. History of education prior to ordination (*please include all diplomas, certificates, and or degrees earned*):

RCMP Depot Training: Apr to Oct 2002. Became constable 2003

Diploma in Arctic Ministry: 2016-2018

Ordained Deacon June 2018

Ordained Priest January 2020

6. Other Continuing Education:

OETIO Heavy Equipment operator 6 weeks 2012.

Clare & Clara Shnupps counselling course: 2wks in 2018



8. Other church experience (eg. Diocesan, Provincial, national committees, administration, other denominations, etc.):

Committee of:

- Executive committee member for the Diocese of the Arctic
- Education committee member for the Diocese for the Arctic
- Regional Dean for Uqavva 2019 to 2020
- Regional Dean for South Baffin 2021 to present
- Recent board member of Alongside Hope

9. Other experience (eg. volunteer work, community service work, etc.):

One I'm grateful for, was part of a prayer group in Pangirtung before I had even thought of going into ministry. That helped me in my spiritual journey and didn't realize God was in the works already without my knowing.

10. Areas of personal interest, study or leisure:

I enjoy being with family for meals together. One I hold in my heart as it's our time together.

Personal interest is of getting to know oneself and going through transformation with God first as he heals and strengthens us so we can do our ministry unwavering. When God sheds light in my heart, then we can share the light with others. Jesus' love. Matthew 5:14

**11. Please briefly describe your growth in faith and ministry and how it has led you to accept this nomination.**

Matthew 26:36-56. To make story short, why I can accept the nomination begins with Matt 26:36-56. In 2016 when ATTS started again in Iqaluit, I only joined to get to know God & when done the program, I'd go on my own way & be done with it. The course coming to an end, throughout the 2 yrs. I was continuously asked if I'd consider getting ordained. I kept saying no. Until, as our year end trip came to travel to Jerusalem, I said to myself only if God helps me see and receive clarity would I say yet. We were in Gethsamane & we sat around as Matthew was read. God gave me vision, a clarity, to share His gospel. In Matthew, we've all played a role in our lives to the people on the scripture, and yet, Jesus, still knowing, came here so we can share the love God has for us. He still came to bear the cross, so we have hope, and my calling is to share the gospel. So much more in it, but as said to shorten it, I said yes. In saying yes, I said "I don't know where your taking me, I don't know what you want me to do, or who I'll meet, but I trust you. I trust you will guide me." This journey still continues. I've has to remind myself and the Holy Spirit to remind me "Have Faith, Trust in Him". So, in all, He leads us the way. I continue to learn daily.

**12. What do you consider to be the role of a Suffragan or Regional Bishop of the Diocese of The Arctic:**

Suffragan or Regional bishop roles is or has been, as stated in the responsibilities within the diocese, "to provide assistance to the diocesan in exercising oversight over the diocese." Places in major regional travel hubs in the communities mentioned in the responsibilities. When after consultation, travel to communities to help with Pastoral care when assigned by Diocesan Bishop.

**13. What are the most important features to you from your response to question 12?**

To be able to work together for the greater good of Gods people. To be able to help serve Him who called us into this ministry. To be able to encourage and strengthen Gods people. God gifted us with different gifts. Where He places us, let His ministry flow. His will be done.