



**CROSSROAD**

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## PRIEST'S RECOMMENDATION

Dear Father,

Greetings in Our Lord Jesus Christ! Chances are the teens in your parish have questions about their future and how it relates to their faith. A new program has been developed to expressly help them find answers. Through a generous grant of the Lilly Endowment Inc. for “the theological exploration of vocation” to Hellenic College, thirty current high school juniors and seniors will be selected to share in a ten-day, Orthodox Christian program. This youth program, focused on the exploration of vocation, will be held on the campus of Hellenic College/Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, Massachusetts. All expenses for participants aside from travel costs are provided. Home churches of participants are encouraged to help with travel costs and to have their student present or write on their experience after attending.

For ten days participants will

- experience a full liturgical life, praying together at Matins/Orthros at the school’s chapel and at Vespers at different Orthodox churches in the Boston area.
- study their faith in an Orthodox academic setting—two seminary professors will offer mini-courses.
- serve their neighbor—they will do service projects at different outreach ministries in the Boston area.
- hang out together as a group, with fun and fellowship time with other Orthodox Christians their age—we hope they will form friendships that last a lifetime!

In all of this we’re hoping to help them discern their life callings, matching their personal gifts with the needs of the world. The staff of CrossRoad believes that in just about any direction they choose for their life, it can be of service of God and neighbor, which is Christ’s call to us all.

In selecting CrossRoad participants, our committee reviews recommendations of the applicants supplied by persons who know them well. We are eager to select those individuals whose interests indicate that they have the greatest potential to benefit from this program. Please provide a frank appraisal of the applicant.

We greatly appreciate the time you devote to this evaluation. For more information please see the CrossRoad website, <http://crossroad.hchc.edu>. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns at (617) 850-1310 or [crossroad@hchc.edu](mailto:crossroad@hchc.edu).

Sincerely,  
 Nick Belcher, Director  
 The CrossRoad Team



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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Priest's E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity and how well do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the best way to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer these questions candidly, to the best of your knowledge.

1. What has been the history of the applicant's involvement in your parish?

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2. Is the applicant emotionally and mentally stable?

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3. Does the applicant seem to work well with others in a group setting?

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Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's Name \_\_\_\_\_

4. What do you consider to be the applicant's greatest strengths?

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5. What do you see as being the greatest challenge the applicant could face in this program?

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6. What would be the greatest benefit that you feel the applicant would take away from this program?

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7. What is your overall evaluation of this person as a candidate for the CrossRoad summer program (highly recommend as a candidate, or with reservations, etc.)? Why?

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Of the following list, please circle what you see as the applicant's top five qualities.

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|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Energetic      | Follower    | Leader      | Creative   | Talkative  | Expressive    |
| Responsible    | Trustworthy | Industrious | Funny      | Reflective | Compassionate |
| Problem-solver | Studious    | Ambitious   | Diligent   | Prayerful  | Consistent    |
| Committed      | Giving      | Inquisitive | Empathetic |            |               |

To guarantee consideration please have the complete application postmarked by March 1, 2008 to CrossRoad, 50 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by April 7, 2008.

For questions visit [crossroad.hchc.edu](http://crossroad.hchc.edu), e-mail [crossroad@hchc.edu](mailto:crossroad@hchc.edu) or call (617) 850-1310.