Dear Recommender,

Greetings from Brookline, Massachusetts! As the teens in our communities approach the beginning of young adult life, they are developing questions about themselves, the world around them, and their future occupations. The CrossRoad Summer Institute, now in its eleventh year, welcomes annually sixty high school juniors and seniors to participate in a ten-day faith-based vocation exploration program developed to help them wrestle with these big questions. The curriculum approaches these questions from an Orthodox Christian perspective, and offers the space and resources for students to discover their natural gifts and talents in order to use them in service to their church and to society.

The dates for the 2014 CrossRoad Summer Institute are June 21-July 1 (June session) and July 5-15 (July session). The program is held on the beautiful campus of Hellenic College Holy Cross School of Theology in Brookline, MA.

For ten days participants will:

• Grow in their faith
• Explore their strengths
• Engage in serving others
• Discover how their gifts and talents can serve the needs of the Church and society

In selecting CrossRoad participants, our committee depends on 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 and thoughtful 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, and feel free to contact us with any questions, comments, or concerns at (617) 850-1310 or crossroad@hchc.edu.

Sincerely,

Michael Tishel, Director
The CrossRoad Team
To guarantee consideration please have the complete application postmarked by March 1, 2011 to CrossRoad, 50 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445. Applicants meeting above deadline will be notified of their acceptance status by April 12, 2011. For questions visit crossroad.hchc.edu, e-mailcrossroad@hchc.edu or call (617) 850-1310.

Applicant’s Name ____________________________________________

Your Name __________________________________________________

Your Phone ___________________________ Your E-mail ______________________

Your Address ____________________________________________________________

Street City State Zip

Your Church Name & Location (if applicable) _____________________________

Your relationship to the applicant and how long you have known him/her ____________________________

What is the best way to contact you? ________________________________

Please respond to the following items candidly, to the best of your knowledge.

1. How well and in what context do you know the applicant?

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2. Please give us a short anecdote about the applicant that would give us a sense of his/her character.

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3. What do you consider to be the applicant’s greatest strengths?

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


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


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


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