

Priest's Recommendation

diaconate program

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TO THE APPLICANT

Please fill in the information requested below and give this form to your parish priest or another clergyman who knows you well. Including a stamped, addressed envelope will make it easier for him to help you.

Name: _____

Application to the Diaconate Program:

This information will become part of your admissions file. The purpose of this recommendation is to assist in making the admission decision and, if you are admitted and enrolled, to aid in advising and otherwise assisting you. It will not be disclosed to any unauthorized individual without your consent. Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right, if you enroll in the Program, to review your educational records. The Act further provides that you may waive your right to see recommendations for admission. Please check the appropriate box indicating whether or not you wish to waive this right and sign your name.

I **waive** **do not waive any right of access that I may have to this recommendation form.**

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

TO THE PRIEST

In selecting students, the Admissions Committee depends very much on evaluations of the applicants supplied by persons who know them well. We are eager to select those individuals whose accomplishments, personal attributes, and abilities indicate that they have the greatest potential for service to Church and community. Therefore, we ask you to provide a thoughtful and *completely frank* appraisal of the applicant. We very much appreciate the thoughtfulness, thoroughness, and time you will devote to this evaluation. Please be assured that the School is grateful for your assistance in the evaluation and selection of future Church leaders.

Sincerely,

Admissions Department

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you been associated with the applicant? _____

How well do you know the applicant? _____

Recommender's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (please print): _____ Title: _____

Parish/Church: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

This recommendation is an important factor in the admission decision; the Admissions Committee expects it to be completed only by the recommending individual who has signed above.

DIACONATE PROGRAM PRIEST'S RECOMMENDATION

For the following, please check as many choices as pertain to the applicant.

Commitment and Character

- Above reproach
- Undeveloped in certain areas
- Obvious to others
- Questionable

Reasoning and Decision Making Ability

- Insightful, well thought-out
- Impetuous, acts without thinking
- Seeks the counsel of others
- Disregards sound advice
- Displays wisdom

Sensitivity to Others

- Responsive to the needs of others
- Insensitive to the feelings of others
- Compassionate, caring
- Impatient with others
- Intolerant to opposition
- Encouraging

Parish Involvement

- Serves in leadership
- Attends frequently
- Attends occasionally
- Invested in the life of the Church

Motivation and Perseverance

- Highly motivated
- Easily distracted/discouraged
- Demonstrates persistence
- Lacks resolve/determination
- Easily swayed by circumstances

Responsibility

- Dependable
- Irresponsible, careless
- Avoids responsibility
- Completes work in timely manner
- Difficulty in managing finances

Capacity for leadership

- Demonstrates leadership abilities
- Lacks leadership ability
- Potential for leadership
- Authoritarian, can be harsh
- Respected leader
- Avoids leadership responsibility

Emotional Maturity and Stability

- Accurate self-appraisal
- Insecure, poor self-image
- Prone to anger
- Exercises self-control
- Prone to depression
- Demonstrates emotional stability
- Emotionally unstable

Cooperation (ability to work with others)

- Works well with others
- Intimidated in group settings
- Shares responsibility
- Dominates in group settings
- Does not work well with different personalities and temperaments

Communication Skills

- Articulate, effective communicator
- Difficulty in expressing ideas
- Insecure
- Comprehends well
- Argumentative

Facility in Interpersonal Relationships

- Approachable, sought by others
- Avoided by others
- Tolerated by others
- Initiative, seeks out others
- Withdrawn, avoids others
- Inappropriate in mixed settings
- Difficulty maintaining relationships

Program Understanding

- Has read the DP Guide
- Has watched the DP Guide Video

What do you consider to be the applicant's strengths? _____

What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses? _____

What do you feel would be the applicant's greatest difficulty at the Program? _____

Please assess the applicant's potential for academic work. _____

Have you reviewed potential canonical impediments with the applicant?
 No Yes

Would you accept this person as a deacon in your parish?
 Very Eagerly Gladly With Some Reservations

Please check your overall evaluation of this applicant for the Program:
 Outstanding Candidate Excellent Candidate Very Good Candidate
 Good Candidate Fair Candidate Poor Candidate