

**NOTRE DAME SEMINARY
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
YEARLY SELF-EVALUATION – PRE-THEOLOGIANS**

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I. Formational Status (one paragraph)

- a. Length of time at Notre Dame Seminary
- b. General statement about your formation: successful, challenging, unsuccessful
- c. Statement about your best area of growth
- d. Statement about the area where most growth is needed

II. Self Evaluation in the Area of Human Formation (one page)

- a. To what extent have you assumed personal responsibility for achieving, by God's grace, growth the area of the human virtues and the manners befitting one preparing for priestly ministry, *i.e.*, are you zealously committed to your formation, struggling with it, making slow/rapid progress?
- b. Describe the primary virtues you have tried to cultivate in the past year; what virtues will you address next year?
- c. Give a summary assessment of your ability to moderate appetites for goods such as food, drink, and entertainment (internet, television).
- d. Describe your capacity to relate to others in a positive manner.
- e. Describe how your own personal gifts and talents have been used for community life; describe how you have rooted yourself in the seminary community.
- f. Give an assessment of your physical and mental health noting any prescribed medications you are taking.
- g. What growth would you like to see in yourself that will commit you more to ongoing conversion as a seminarian?

III. Self Evaluation in the Area of Spiritual Formation (one page)

There should be accountability in the external forum for seminarians' participation in spiritual exercises of the seminary and their growth as men of faith. Within the parameters of the external forum, habits of prayer and personal piety are also areas of accountability (PPF 280b).

- a. Describe the areas of most significant growth concerning the disciplines of your prayer life.
- b. Describe the disciplines you are pursuing to assist in your devotion to the Holy Eucharist.
- c. Describe your knowledge of the Sacred Scriptures and how they contribute to your spiritual life.
- d. Describe your level of appreciation and fidelity to praying the Liturgy of the Hours.
- e. Give an assessment of your observance to the liturgical *horarium*.
- f. Give an assessment of your commitment to regular spiritual direction and regular celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.
- g. Describe your development of popular piety, *i.e.* the Blessed Mother, saints.
- h. What dimensions in your spiritual life will you address next year?

IV. Self Evaluation in the Area of Intellectual Formation (one page)

- a. Describe areas of growth in your intellectual formation.
- b. Describe how your study of philosophy and the humanities are forming your intellectual life.
- c. Give an assessment of your knowledge of the Catholic Faith, what areas of development are still needed; describe the areas of greatest interest to you.
- d. Give an assessment of your time management skills and study habits.
- e. Give an assessment of how you are meeting the academic requirements of the program and for individual courses; what courses do you struggle with and which ones do you excel?
- f. In addition to required reading and study, describe other resources you enjoy for personal development.
- g. Assess your knowledge of the *sign of the times*; how do you remain knowledgeable of current events, diocesan events, your familiarity with the diocesan bishop's ministry, *etc.*?

- V. Self Evaluation in the Area of Pastoral Formation (one page)
- a. What continues to be your motivation for pastoral, priestly ministry?
 - b. How does your relationship with Jesus Christ impact your view of pastoral ministry?
 - c. Describe your understanding and appreciation for the new evangelization.
 - d. Describe any pastoral situation this past year that has contributed to your pastoral formation.
 - e. Describe your limitations recognizing our fallen nature in regards to deficient pastoral skills; what skills do you seek that need development?
 - f. Identify skills you possess desirable for priestly ministry.
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- VI. Self Evaluation in the Area of a Chaste Priestly Celibacy (one page)
- a. Describe how you are developing a stronger understanding of the Church's theology and vision of priestly celibacy.
 - b. Give an assessment of your growth in affective maturity considering the clarity of your male sexuality identity, cultivation of spousal, generative love, and the cultivation of spiritual fatherhood rooted in the charism of celibacy.
 - c. Describe the areas and dimensions of celibacy you are addressing in the external forum of your formation.
 - d. Give an assessment of your ability to establish and maintain wholesome friendships and the ability to maintain appropriate boundaries in relationships.
 - e. At this stage of your formation, describe your sense of being able to commit to life-long celibacy and what aspect of celibacy you will continue to address this year and next year.
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- a. Give an assessment of your capacity to cooperate with those in authority, and to receive direction and constructive criticism.
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 - c. Describe any area of Church teaching, the Magisterium, and the Sacred Scripture that you are struggling with in your intellectual formation.
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VIII. Conclusion

- a. In light of all the requirements of the priestly formation program, describe the greatest challenge for you this past year as well as the greatest area of successful formation.
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