

**NOTRE DAME SEMINARY  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY  
PRIESTLY FORMATION PROGRAM**



**PASTOR  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

# Pastor Recommendation Form

## Notre Dame Seminary Priestly Formation Program



**THE APPLICANT SHOULD GIVE THIS FORM TO THE PERSON WRITING THE RECOMMENDATION.**

Thank you for offering your time and assistance. Your letter will be shared with the Admissions Committee and the student's advisor but will not become a part of his permanent file.

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION

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| Applicant's Name      |  |
| Pastor's Name         |  |
| Parish Name           |  |
| Address               |  |
| City, State, Zip Code |  |
| Phone                 |  |

### DIRECTIONS

- *The above applicant is making application for admission to Notre Dame Seminary. Sharing your knowledge of him will be helpful to us in considering the application and in assisting his formation if he attends this seminary. In your letter of recommendation, please cover the topics listed and affix your signature to the form.*
- *Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability based on your personal knowledge of the applicant. All information you provide is understood to be from the external forum and not from any internal forum relationship including the seal of confession.*
- *Return your completed questionnaire to the **Rector's Office, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118-4391.** Do not give this form to the applicant.*

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| 1. How long has this applicant been a member of this parish?   |  |
| 2. How long have you personally known this applicant?  |  |
| 3. When did you first become aware that the applicant had a desire to study for the priesthood?  |  |
| 4. In what programs, services, and/or activities of the parish is the applicant currently involved (e.g., catechist, St. Vincent DePaul Society member, etc.)? |  |
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| <b>5. In what liturgical functions has the applicant been involved?</b>  |
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| <b>6. For what types of ministerial tasks do you think the applicant is best suited?</b>   |
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| <b>7. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever applied to a religious community or to a priestly formation program of another diocese?</b>  |
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| <b>8. How would you characterize the applicant's interaction with:</b>   |
| <b>a. his peers?</b>   |
| <b>b. people in authority?</b>   |
| <b>c. those with whom he works?</b>  |
| <b>9. What is your personal opinion about the character of this applicant?</b>   |
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| <b>10. To the best of your knowledge, is there anything about the applicant—his history, reputation, physical or emotional condition, etc.—which would suggest that he NOT be accepted into the priestly formation program? If so, please explain.</b> |
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**11. Is there anything about this applicant's family which would suggest that the applicant NOT be accepted into the priestly formation program? If so, please explain.**

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**12. How would you describe the applicant's family life?**

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**13. Has the applicant ever demonstrated problems with alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances? Please elaborate.**

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**14. What do you perceive as the greatest strength of the applicant?**

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**15. What do you perceive as the greatest weakness of the applicant?**

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**16. What area(s) of development does the applicant need to explore?**

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**17. Are there any behaviors, attitudes or practices that the formators should be aware of that need attention?**

**18. What is your opinion about the suitability of this applicant for studies at Notre Dame Seminary?**

**19. If there are any other priests residing in the rectory, what is their opinion about the suitability of this applicant for studies at Notre Dame Seminary?**

**20. How strongly do you support this man's application to the priestly formation program?**

**21. How willing would you be to work with the applicant during his formation if he were to be accepted?**

**22. Other comments:**

