

# Notre Dame Seminary

## Graduate School of Theology

### Priestly Formation Program



#### LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE DIRECTOR FOR VOCATIONS

The applicant should give this form to the person writing the recommendation

**RETURN TO:**  
**Rector's Office**  
**Notre Dame Seminary**  
**2901 South Carrollton Avenue**  
**New Orleans, LA 70118-4391**

#### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

\_\_\_\_\_ is making application for admission to Notre Dame Seminary's Priestly Formation Program. Sharing your knowledge of him will be helpful to us in considering his application and in assisting his formation if he attends this seminary. In your letter of recommendation, please cover the following topics: (attach this form with your signature to your letter)

1. How have you come to know this applicant? Is he a person who is open and easy to know?
2. What is the applicant's family background (e.g. relationship with parents, brothers, sisters)?
3. Please discuss the applicant's strengths and weaknesses and your general evaluation of him in all of the following areas in which you can describe the applicant:
  - a) Human qualities (e.g. emotional stability, responsibility, leadership ability);
  - b) Social qualities (e.g. cooperation in parish activities, interpersonal relationship with peers and authority figures, ability to live seminary community life);
  - c) Spiritual qualities (e.g. faith, prayer, openness to spiritual growth).
  - d) Ministerial aptitude: In what ways has this applicant already been of service to the Church? Have his contributions been positive? How well connected is the applicant to his parish?
4. Has the applicant lived a demonstrated chaste lifestyle?
5. Describe how the applicant possesses the maturity needed to practice obedience in following the demands of seminary life.
6. PLEASE COMPLETE THE CANONICAL SUITABILITY FORM WITH THE APPLICANT.

Signature of Director for Vocations	
Name of Director for Vocations	
Diocese or Religious Community	
Address	
Telephone	

Thank you for offering your time and assistance. Your letter will be shared with the Admissions Committee.