

# Priest's Recommendation

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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:

☐ Master of Divinity      ☐ Master of Theological Studies      ☐ Master of Theology      ☐ Special Student (non-degree)

Are you seeking Seminarian Status? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided

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 at Holy Cross, 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

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 decisions. The Admissions Committee expects it to be completed only by the recommending individual who has signed above.**

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
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Parish Involvement**

- ☐ Serves in leadership
- ☐ Attends frequently
- ☐ Attends occasionally
- ☐ Invested in the life of the Church
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Capacity for leadership**

- ☐ Demonstrates leadership abilities
- ☐ Lacks leadership ability
- ☐ Potential for leadership
- ☐ Authoritarian, can be harsh
- ☐ Respected leader
- ☐ Avoids leadership responsibility
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Communication Skills**

- ☐ Articulate, effective communicator
- ☐ Difficulty in expressing ideas
- ☐ Insecure
- ☐ Comprehends well
- ☐ Argumentative
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Reasoning and Decision Making Ability**

- ☐ Insightful, well thought-out
- ☐ Impetuous, acts without thinking
- ☐ Seeks the counsel of others
- ☐ Disregards sound advice
- ☐ Displays wisdom
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Motivation and Perseverance**

- ☐ Highly motivated
- ☐ Easily distracted/discouraged
- ☐ Demonstrates persistence
- ☐ Lacks resolve/determination
- ☐ Easily swayed by circumstances
- ☐ No basis for judging

**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
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Facility in Interpersonal Relationships**

- ☐ Approachable, sought out by others
- ☐ Avoided by others
- ☐ Tolerated by others
- ☐ Initiative, seeks out others
- ☐ Withdrawn, avoids others
- ☐ Inappropriate in mixed settings
- ☐ Difficulty maintaining relationships
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Sensitivity to Others**

- ☐ Responsive to the needs of others
- ☐ Insensitive to the feelings of others
- ☐ Compassionate, caring
- ☐ Impatient with others
- ☐ Intolerant to opposition
- ☐ Encouraging
- ☐ No basis for judging

**Responsibility**

- ☐ Dependable
- ☐ Irresponsible, careless
- ☐ Avoids responsibility
- ☐ Completes work in a timely manner
- ☐ Difficulty in managing personal finances
- ☐ No basis for judging

**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
- ☐ No basis for judging

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

What do you feel would be the applicant's greatest contribution to the School? \_\_\_\_\_

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

What do you feel would be the applicant's greatest difficulty at the School? \_\_\_\_\_

Please assess the applicant's potential for academic work. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you accept this person as a potential assistant in your parish?

- ☐ Very Eagerly
 ☐ Gladly
 ☐ With Some Reservations
 ☐ No Comment

Please check your overall evaluation of this applicant for Holy Cross:

- ☐ Outstanding Candidate
 ☐ Excellent Candidate
 ☐ Very Good Candidate  
☐ Good Candidate
 ☐ Fair Candidate
 ☐ Poor Candidate
 ☐ No Comment