

Seminarian Application Process (cf. PPF #42)

Description

The applicant will be a Catholic male who has received the Sacraments of Initiation, namely Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. (cf. PPF#63)

He needs to be in good general health. (cf. PPF #65)

He is between the ages of 18 and around 50 years old.

He is not bound by any marital obligations. (cf. PPF #66)

He is committed to living a chaste life. (cf. PPF #54)

He prays daily, and assists weekly at Sunday Mass. (cf. PPF #37)

He regularly receives the Sacrament of Penance. (cf. PPF #37)

He will have at least graduated from high school to apply for college seminary, or earned a bachelor's degree to apply for Pre-theology, or Theological studies. (cf. PPF #50).

I. Interested men who meet these criteria are invited to speak with the Vocations director to ask questions, obtain informational materials, fill out basic profile forms, and take part in discernment activities. (cf. PPF #33, RRSVP, p.22).

II. Those who continue will be invited to have an interview with the Vocations Director. (cf. PPF #34-37).

III. The applicant should ask a priest in good standing (preferably his pastor) to write a letter of recommendation and send it to the Vocations Director. He should then provide a short biographical overview of his life and his discernment. (cf. PPF #39)

IV. The applicant will be asked to participate in psychological testing and screening. He will submit sacramental records, academic transcripts, a work history and personal references. (cf. PPF #39, 47)

[**V.** The Vocations Commission will evaluate the application individually, come together to meet with the Vocation director to discuss their findings, interview the applicant as necessary, and submit their written recommendations to the bishop through him. (cf. PPF #39)]

VI. Applicants may now be interviewed by the Bishop. (cf. PPF #39)

VII. Those applicants accepted by the bishop will apply to the appropriate seminary. (cf. PPF #39)